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Prime Minister orders national inquiry into scandal of abuse in homes for young people

# At last the children are heard

REBECCA FOWLER and COLIN BROWN

After three decades of anguish the voices of the children have finally been heard. The Government will today announce a national inquiry into the systematic sexual and physical abuse of hundreds of young people, who lived in terror in nomes throughout Britain. The Prime Minister will also

order a separate judicial inquiry into the scandal of homes in Clwyd, where more than 100 children were abused. At least 12 former residents have died in circumstances related to their

The decision to address the scandal of the homes, where some of the most vulnerable

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protection, only to be betrayed by their carers in abuse spanning years, follows a campaign by the Independent to expose loop-

holes in the system, Children as young as six were abandoned to the care of paedophiles, and were too afraid to talk of their experiences for years. Those who did turn to the authorities were often ignored and the abusers continued unchecked, or moved on to homes elsewhere.

Both the inquiries were welcomed by the most distinguished authorities on child abuse in homes, including Al-lan Levy, QC, who led the report into the abuse of more than 150 children in Staffordshire between 1983 and 1989.

ahead, and for the victims it is vital. It means that at last they are being heard for the first time on a national scale. Their voic-

es have finally reached the highest level of government." But he added: "The inquiries have got to be conducted speedily and backed up by action. The sheer extent of the abuse, and the immense push it has received by this campaign, has finally had an effect, and this is the greatest opportunity there

has been to act. In a separate move, the Home Secretary will next week announce plans for a register of sex offenders, including an index of paedophiles, although the Government will face calls for it to also include those who have

by the police.
The inquiries that will final-

ly break the silence have been called for by the Prime Minister, who will meet Stephen Dorrell, the Secretary of State for Health, and William Hague. the Secretary of State for Wales, to discuss the details. The impact of a recent report into the ses in Clwyd was undermined by attempts to suppress its publication.

In Cheshire, where the biggest inquiry into abuse in homes is currently underway, more than 300 children were abused in cases that span from the late 1960s to 1993. A group of parents of 40 of the children wrote to John Major earlier this

said last night: "The issue is be-ing treated as a matter of great concern by the Prime Minister. He has asked to have an update of the situation. He feels it is appropriate that the Cabinet

should have a report from

Hague and Dorrell. The Government has previously failed to respond to recommendations for change from other inquiries set up to inves-tigate abuse scandals. Instead, a system that had allowed abusers to work undetected was allowed to continue large-

ly unchanged for decades. Among the most prominent scandals in children's homes that first brought the extent of the problem to light was the sexual abuse of more than 100 chil-

dren in Leicestershire between 1973 and 1986. Frank Beck, who ran local homes, exercised his ended in suicide. infamous "regression therapy in which he forced children to

buggery. An inquiry into the abuse of more than 61 children in care in Islington was launched last year, amid allegations that a paedophile network had been operating in homes since 1979; and further cases have also emerged in Norfolk, Hereford, Worcester, Essex and Berk-

wear nappies, before he was fi-nally convicted of rape and

Only when the first victims of abuses in homes came forward did others find the courage to follow. But for a handful the strain of recalling the events of cial Work, which has persistently

Although victims have started to receive compensation for their experiences in care, many say their greatest motivation for bringing the abuse to light is to protect current generations of

children going through care. For experts in childcare and abuse, the priorities for change are: a general council, to act as a professional and disciplinary body; improved inspection of homes; a central register of care workers; and improved training and pay for one of the most beleaguered sectors in the social services.

Daphne Statham, director of the National Institute for So-

also called for change, said yes-terday: "It is wonderful news the Government is taking this seriously. Whatever comes out of it, it means these people's com-plaints have finally been taken seriously. It also means we can protect those going through the system now, and get things

improved for the future."
She added: "For the victims that has always been part of their efforts to bring these abuses to light. As well as putting to right some of the wrongs of the past, this is a chance to protect children who will go into care in the coming years.

A Whitehall source said yesterday: "We can't give an absolute guarantee, but we can do

# month, calling for an inquiry.

### poll racked by violence PHIL REEVES been predicting civil war, and accusing their chief rivals, the "great power status", shored up by a xenophobic element in the communist-nationalist coali-Orthodox Church.

World's most important

As the last few days of campaigning unwind, the Russian election, perhaps the most important poll of the 1990s, has become both nasty and dangerous. Though it may masquerade as a free and open democratic affair - with television debates, opinion surveys, slick candi-dates and colourful public ral-- the resemblance is

wearing thinner by the day. An alarming amount of blood has already been shed. the prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, was shot dead in Moscow. Six days ago the Moscow mayor's running mate was critically injured by a blast outside his apartment. And on Tuesday, four people died in a bomb in a metro train.

No one yet knows for sure if these events were an attempt to disrupt the election, the first round of which is on Sunday. But they seem too coincidental to be unrelated, even in this violent capital, where businessmen are shot dead every other day and the mafia preys on aimost every level of the business community. Add to this reports yesterday that one candidate, Grigory Yavlinksy, a liberal reformer, was allegedly threatened with violence against his children if he campaigned seriously, and one cannot mistake

a malign pulse beneath a seemingly orderly surface. Whoever planted the metro bomb did so knowing that he could kill dozens of people. "This savage barbaric act on the eve of the elections is aimed at destabilising the situation in the capital and creating an atmosphere of uncertainty and fear in Russia." Boris Yeltsin said yesterday. "The best response to the machinations of the extremists will be a vote ... for

civil peace, for stability." But that atmosphere of fear and uncertainty began long before the bomb went off. Mr Yeltsin's own aides - most re-Photograph: AFP cently, Sergei Filatov - have

tion, of setting up armed brigades across the country which would go in action if they lost the election. Such remarks one would normally put down to campaign rhetoric; and that is probably what they were. But Russia's recent history, from the bombardment of parliament in 1993 to the failed coup of 1991, means they cannot be dismissed outright.

The tone of current political debate betrays the tension. tices telling people to "buy now, before the shortages start again". The Yeltsin camp has distributed millions of copies of a newspaper called Ne dai Bog! (God Forbid!) showing his rival, Gennady Zyuganov, as a mad surgeon wielding a hammer and sickle in place of a scapel. Far from being apathetic about politics, Russians these days

often come close to fisticuffs when the issue is raised. Even before the vote - and Sunday's poll seems certain to be followed by a run-off next month - there is skulduggery in the air. Mr Yeltsin has used the national media to his ends. shutting out Mr Zyuganov, Exploiting the benefits of incumency, he has raided the Central Bank of \$1bn to pay for his elec-

tion promises. Yesterday Mr Yeltsin appeared at a huge rally and pop concert in Red Square before thousands of youths, a gala occasion which contrasted with the low-budget events organised by Mr Zyuganov's team. Despite hordes of international observers, and laws allowing parties to carry out parallel counts, almost all Russians ex-

pects some degree of fraud. The ugliness of the battle is all the more alarming because it matters, both for Russia and for the rest of the world. Watching from the sidelines, it is easy to assume this contest is a straight fight between reform and democracy (Yeltsin) and communism (Zyuganov). It is

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not. If Russia turns to communism, this will not be a step back to the one-party days of central planning, or the dictatorship of the proletariat Mr Zyuganov's brand of pragmatic commu-nism, which believes in the mixed economy, is rooted in Russian nationalism. It is bent on restoring the country to

But what if Mr Yeltsin wins? A victorious Mr Yeltsin is capable of going into hibernation again, surrounded by a cast of dubious characters. At 65, his health is dodgy, and is likely to worsen. For all the evidence that the economy is beginning to show promising shoots. Russia could easily lurch off course, and slip into a benighted state, overrun by the mafia, corruption,

and social decay. Both paths should worry the of the Soviet Union, Russians are getting a swig of democracy - with a bitter aftertaste that could convince many of them that they have already had enough. If the elections pass without any more violence, success will not lie in the results, but that the elections happened

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# Chancellor predicts a win

The million-pound City man is back. Hundreds of top investment bankers, analysts and dealers are looking to enjoy calaries and bonuses of at least Im this year.

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Millionaires grow

lauling in the Net n an unprecedented expression if US global might, a court in Philadelphia issued a ruling vesterday on freedom of information in cyberspace whose legal consequences will be felt around the world. Page 4

Law Society attack The Law Society's handling of complaints against solicitors is so poor that it risks losing the right to regulate the profession, the legal services watchdog warned yesterday in a scathing **Economics Editor** 

The good old days: An eldery Stallmist holds a picture of his hero during a raily for Genaddy Zyuganov

If England somehow fails to win Euro 96, the success of the economy will be our consolation, So the Chancellor, Kenneth, assured a City of London

audience fast night in his annual Mansion House speech. Mr Clarke - who saw England win at Wembley in 1966. when interest rates were going up and the Wilson government had introduced a prices and wages freeze – claimed to have found the recipe for economic

But the Chancellor, who expects to see unemployment fall below 2 million next year, shied below 2 million next year, shied away from predicting the return the Bank of England, Eddie beared to have worked for

speech prepared the ground for a downgrade of his 3 per cent growth forecast due to be published next month. What mattered, Mr Clarke said in upbeat mood, was that demand would

pick up during the year. Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, said later, "Having last month been forced to admit his borrowing forecast was wrong. Mr Clarke has now, for the first time, been forced to admit he is unlikely to get the 3 per cent growth he promised in the Budget." He added: "The fact is we have a lamentable record of investment and we are falling

behind all our competitors."

at the Mansion House dinner. said the recent performance of the economy had been "remarkable" by past standards.

In his speech the Chancellor said he had no intention of engineering a pre-election boom. In a stern warning to backhenchers clinging to hopes of big tax cuts in the Budget he said: "We are not pursuing a 1990s version of Reaganomics - slash taxes and hang the deficit."

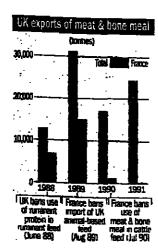
Taxes would be reduced when it was affordable, and it was an insult to the electorate's intelligence to think they could be bribed by premature tax cuts, Mr Clarke said - omitting

Mr Clarke said he would cut interest rates again if it did not threaten his inflation target, and he would not hesitate to put them up either if the state of the economy demanded it. "Those who say it will be politically impossible to do so are talking of lightweight, populist politics.

I have nothing to gain and everything to lose from letting inflation out of its box." His speech also took a robust pro-European line. "We need to retain a leading and influential position in the world's most powerful single market, the

European Union, in order to take full advantage of our opportunities," he said.

# Britain 'caused French BSE'



**CHARLES ARTHUR** and MARY DEJEVSKY

French claims that its cases of BSE have been imported from Britain appeared justified yesterday - by British government statistics.

The culprits appear to have been British rendering companies desperate to keep their businesses going after July 1988, when the UK government banned the sale of meat and bone meal (MBM) made from cows and sheep for use in cattle feed.

The renderers, facing a collapsing home market, exploited a loophole in export regulations - which did not prohibit such sales abroad - to sell the potentially contaminated products at knock-down prices to France, Germany, Spain, and other non-EU countries such as Israel.

UK government statistics quoted in the science journal Nature, published today, show that in 1989 British exports of MBM, which is thought to have been the original source of the the exported feed would only BSE epidemic in Britain, were have started showing up in the double those in 1988, reaching past couple of years. over 30,000 tonnes. Exports to France in particular grew from



Meat trade: The former rugby player, John Jeffries, giving out free beef in Edinburgh after a protest by farmers

not ban the use of MBM from cattle feed until July 1990. Contaminated feed is highly infectious: one gram is enough to pass the disease to a onv. But the latency period for BSE means that any cases caused by

Nature quotes a British Veterinary Association official who said the Government ignored

his warnings about the dangers.

"I badgered our chief vetermary officer, saying that having identified a 'poisoned food' it was immoral to export it," said the unnamed official. "I was firmly put in my place . . .

France has insisted since the beginning of the beef crisis that its cases of BSE are the result of imported feed. All the cases reported there so far have been in the north of the country, near the Channel, or in Brittany. The

Switzerland, Israel, Germany and Spain, though only totalling about 400 cases. Britain has had 160,000 cases. A spokesman for the UK

Renderers' Association said that its members "might have" exported feed for use in cattle feed. "But they have applied whatever legislative controls the government introduced."

The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food said that it

exported MBM "might have been fed to ruminants abroad". Asked if it would have been irresponsible of renderers to exploit the loophole, a spokeswoman said: "We would draw

our own conclusions." The news was greeted with outrage in France, where anger was directed first at Britain, for permitting exports of a commodity that was judged unsuit-"could not rule out" that second at the EU, for not folPhotograph: Colin McPherson

lowing up Britain's 1988 ban with one of its own.

Meanwhile, efforts to achieve a solution to the beef crisis suffered a setback when veterinary officials from several EU na tions demanded Britain increase the number of cattle to be destroyed. They demanded changes in the criteria for selecting animals to be culled meaning the total prime beef cattle destroyed would swell to

# Britain raises stakes in disruption drive

JOHN LICHFIELD STEPHEN GOODWIN

Downing Street last night raised the stakes over the threat to carry on disruption to the Florence summit at the end of the month after European Union veterinary surgeons demanded the number of British cattle to culled be increased from 80,000

to100,000.

ter's office said they were remaining cautious about the chances of reaching agreement before the summit. The policy

been agreed. It would be raised "vigorously" by the Prime Minister at Florence if the framework had not been agreed, said a govture Minister, vesterday revised disrupt the summit will dismay the British framework plan for the Italian presidency, which has

of non-cooperation would con-

tinue until the framework had

winning approval before the EU was helping in the negotiations summit. But the Prime Minisfor the framework deal.

Britain has strongly resisted increasing the cull. But many EU nations are deeply sceptical that Britain is doing enough to wipe out the disease and restore consumer trust in beef.

It also emerged last night that the British veto led to the blocking of draft EU letters on Salman Rushdie, the writer, whose demands for the lifting eration could cause more been taken up by Britain.

The Foreign Secretary, Mallifting the beef ban in a step-bystep approach, in the hope of said the European Commission winning the battle over beef.

the Government felt it had no step approach, in the hope of said the European Commission winning the battle over beef.

prospect of an agreement being realised ... next week," he told the House of Commons Select Committee on Foreign Affairs.

Despite his optimism, he received a gentle roasting from Conservative and Labour committee members. Two veteran Tories, Michael Jopling and Sir Jim Lester, said the Government campaign of non-coop-

Mr Rifkind accepted it was a "high-risk strategy" but said the Government felt it had no The justification lay in Tues

"There is now a serious effort being made by the (Eu-the EC president, that he was prospect of an agreement being ropean) Commission and (Ital-"optimistic" that there could be ropean) Commission and (Italian) residency (of the EU) to deliver an agreement in a short period of time." This was not

the case 10 days ago, he said. The same message was delivered in the Commons chamher when Menzies Campbell. the Liberal Democrat foreignaffairs spokesman, asked what justification there could be for non-cooperation. "The UK duress, why do we expect our

a framework next week for the lifting, "phase by phase", of the ban, according to the Foreign Secretary.

None the less his confidence seemed to fly in the face of statements by other EU governments. Mr Rifkind rejected suggestions that other countries were calling on Britain to abandon its blocking policy before lifting the EU ban on UK beef exports. "This had seemed to be The justification lay in Tuesday's remark by Jacques Santer, Rifkind said but "no longer".

### SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

Charge cuts in the speed limits, so the case being fitted Swith authorizing speed controls, would drastically reduce road accidents and the impact of the car on the

resid actidents and the impact of the car on the environment, affink tenk policy paper published today suggests. Care though the restricted to 20mph in towns and might elsewhere the artiflots say.

The region sheed Count and Transport Policy, published by the independent Policy Studies Institute, argues that the adoption of lower speed limits would "save lives and make our Bours safe for all road users, especially children and old proples. It also proper that slowing drawn cars will estimate polluting and fact consumption and weaken the case for major new roads. Pard, while accidents and injuries are the most widthe result of speed, the lack of safety on the roads distincts made patterns forcing some groups, like the young and the old off the made, Christian Wolman

British s redundant nuclear submarines, including the Brion colors to the replaced by Indent, will

District Polaris in a tow replaced by Trident, will continue to be morred at Rosyth in File and Devouper in Devou until 2017, when the Niver deep nuclear waste reprisoner becomes available, Michael Portific, Searthay of State for Defence, confirmed vesterdly thing questions by MPs at a session of the House of Commons Defence Committee.

MPs expressed anger that the nuclear submarines, manuschele nuclear firely would lie alongside for another 16 years adding Navy sources insisted the 2012 date was not here. Mr Portific said feeping the submarines intent and afford with the deep disposal site is operational was the best and safest option, and delay would enable historicalize nuclear waste to determinate, reducing safety righs at the final disposal site. Caratopian Reliant.

The BBC has called on the Government to tossi on a I single "set-top but" for all digital relevant services, satellite or recessital. Warning against a "sandware was between troupeing digital relevanous platforms. John But, deputy director of the BBC, said yesterday. "We telleve it essential mot just destable—that viewers should be able to buy a single decoding but to receive all national digital services however transmitted. He was speaking following publication of the BBC's response to a government consultation paper on digital servest tal televation.

The BBC suggests a new regime for the licensing of set-top box terimology should be set up, enganing that an indicated said the encryption technology used to scramble and magnifications be fairly and openly available to all magnifications and broadcasters.

One the telecome regulator, could take responsibility for implementing the regime. Motion Horsman

The highlands of Child Health is to be asked to functionate the smaller chart of a specialist clime for dilition with posterior points and genetic districts the to a whaming designed. The Chelses and Westminster Healthcare from it condon has asked the institute to eview its handling of the closuft which was widely condomated by parents. The Vitamin 51.7 Limit at the Chelses and Westminster Hospital has not offered sevice and testing since the beginning of the year because of a dispute over the lotting of the year because of a dispute over the lotting of the year because of a secretary of the panents must be ponenting out the year because of the panents must be ponenting out the safety of the panents until the ponenting work has been exceed by other expense if yeshed a repeated as offer of a short-term contract to Dr. Bhate for ebable children to be meated until the dispute is usolved, but Dr. Bhate said the computative was not acceptable. Louise fary

Collisions and desailments on Britain's rail network Coloroped by one than last year bobert Horton, the charman of Railtrack told the House of Commune Select Communes on Transport yesterday. He also said that academs my olving railway workers have declined. Last year, 80 workers were injured compared to 138 in 1991-92 and an average of 120 during the mile reciping period. In a written submission for the communer Railtrack said that his him management had failed to meditor its own activities and diese of compared had failed to meditor its own.

activities and those of contractors properly and had failed company promised to remedy this. Will Remed

Inotorist who attacked a woman in a fit of road rage.

Lafter she asked him why he was finding up traffic was jailed for six years yesterday, hidge Paul Hoffman and Bradford Crown Court that he was giving David Robinson, from Bradford, a pumitive and deterrent sentence to stop other road rage attacks. The jury heard that Robinson; 30, grabbed Kath Gatenby, 52, after she got out of her car to speak to him. He threw her into a parked car and kicked her before driving off. She was latten to himsorial where the her before driving off. She was taken to hospital, where she was found to have a collapsed lung and a fractured rib.

A 16-year-old boy killed himself with a shotgun his father, a gardener, used for pest control hours after taking a GCSE examination. Tim Russell, a pupil at Kingsmead High School in Cannock, Staffordshire, was found dead in his bedroom by his mother Edwina and brother Daniel, 19, when they arrived at their home in Heath Hayes, Cannock, on Tuesday afternoon. A friend who saw him before the tragedy said "he seemed all right".

people dialling adult sex lines in the United Kingdom are finding themselves charting to exotic ladies in Ghana, Chile and Hong Kong. It is not until they get their telephone bill - sometimes running into four figures - that they realise their calls have been diverted abroad. Now the Independent Committee for the Supervision of Standards of Telephone Information Services, which regulates the industry, has told premium rate operators to ban the foreign line users following complaints from the public.

### EC may fund Millennium show

**CHRIS BLACKHURST** Westminster Correspondent

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Part of the cost of staging the £500m Millennium Exhibition at Greenwich may be met with European Commission cash. despite the "war" with Brussels. The possibility has prompted angry allegations that the south-

east London site is receiving

more favourable Government

treatment than Birmingham. the other contender to host the massive event. Virginia Bottomley, the Secretary of State for National Heritage, and Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minis-

ter, are leading a last-minute push to secure sufficient private ested in making a grant towards backing for Greenwich. At the cost of providing a river-boat

same time, the *independent* has learned that Mrs Bottomley is hopeful any gap in funding can be filled by the EC.

Last week, a delegation from Greenwich visited Brussels and held a series of meetings with the EC Transport and Culture Commissions. The party saw Colette Flesch, Director-General of the EC's cultural side, and officials in the office of Neil Kinnock, the Transport Commissioner.

A spokesman for Greenwich Millennium Trust, the exhibition organisers, said both sessions went well. No specific sums, he said, were discussed. Mr Kinnock's department was inter-

service for the Greenwich for Birmingham Erdington said peninsula, which is expected to attract 11-15 million visitors to the exhibition. Other EC cash. said the trust, is likely to come from the Commission's Article

10 Regional Development fund. A spokesman for Mr Heseltine said that if the exhibition goes ahead in Greenwich, it is likely to qualify for EC urban regeneration funding.
Today, Labour and Conservative Midlands MPs will join

forces with the city's National Exhibition Centre, which fought Greenwich for the right to stage the Millennium celebration, to hold a presentation at Westminster emphasising Birming-

EC money going to Greenwich was an outrage, and accused the Government of "cheating".
"All along." he said. "the

Government has been moving the goalposts to enable Greenwich to win by the back-door." Birmingham, he added, had all its funding in place and could start work immediately.

The Greenwich Millennium Trust disputed Mr Corbett's claim, saying the peninsula, which is owned by British Gas. was always going to be redeveloped and was always going to be a candidate for EC aid.

The City of London Corporation vesterday put its backing behind Greenwich, promising

### Robin Corbett, Labour MP 45m for the exhibition. Darlington scores in 'Euro 96' shoot-out

**CLARE GARNER** 

It's been a game of two halves one in Scarborough, the other in Darlington. But now the score is finally settled: 2-1 to Darlington, with a winner in in-

For the Bulgarian Euro 46 team has checked out of the

headed for Darlington. The players were booked in at Scarhorough until the end of the qualifying round, but lengthy trips to matches, the hotel's "isolation" and, crucially, the shortage of girls, proved to much. John Williams, the leader of

sense as a place to stay. The team was at least two

hours from St James' Park. Newcastle, and one and a half hours from Elland Road, Leeds, the match venues, compared both if it moved to Scarborough.

But while Scarborough was get to Wembley.

outside Scarborough, a week brating victory last night. Scar-early and, like Romania, has borough, he said, never made ton, meanwhile, could be in danger of getting too big for its football boots. "It might be a good idea for England to come up here to escape the news hounds," said Mr Williams. "it's only two and a quarter with a mere 45 minutes from hours to King's Cross so it

### Eleventh-hour deal saves talks

DAVID MCKITTRICK

An eleventh-hour agreement in the early hours of vesterday morning averted the collapse of the Northern Ireland peace talks. The deal, though by no means unanimous, brought a sigh of relief from those who had feared the talks would run into the sand, following several days of deadlock and dis-

It came about when David Trimble's Ulster Unionists accepted former US Senator George Mitchell as chairman of plenary sessions. Mr Trimble's decision was welcomed by the British and Irish governments but furiously denounced by the other main Unionist leaders, the Rev Ian Paisley and Robert

McCartney. The breakthrough was achieved at a cost of slowing down the talks process, since one of the elements of the deal is that there is now to be a reexamination of Senator Mitchell's remit, the agenda and the procedural guidelines for the talks. This will occupy a full week, with the next plenary

session scheduled for next Wednesday afternoon. Mr Trimble's party, while ac-

cepting the former Senator as plenary chairman, is auxious to circumscribe the functions which the two governments had proposed to give him. They will also seek changes to the agenda. The UUP claimed the talks would probably have collapsed had it not been for its accommodation. However, this interpretation

was not endorsed by the Irish Foreign Minister, Dick Spring, who said Senator Mitchell's role had not been diminished. Democratic Unionist leader Ian Paisley believed Mr Trimble might join his party in a unit-ed Unionist front on the issue, only to be left isolated on the issue. Yesterday he declared: "I never thought Uister would be sold as it was, not by the British government but by Mr Trimble doing a dirty deal with the Irish

Mr Paisley's position is that while he will not attend plenaries chaired by Senator Mitchell, his party will attend meetings chaired by others. Leading article, page 15

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# Return of the million-dollar banker

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The million-pound City man is back. After several years of modest earning levels - in Square Mile terms at least hundreds of top investment bankers, analysts and dealers are again enjoying salaries and bonuses of at least £1m this year.

Poaching of individual staff, a common event that drives up salaries, has been supplanted by mass raids by at least one ma-

jor bank on its rivals.
Other institutions are also recruiting select bands of financial specialists, driving up wages throughout the City as they scramble to join the top table of world banks.

The net effect has been to put alaries back up to the levels of 1993, when more than 100 top partners at the London offices of US bank Goldman Sachs earned final-year bonuses of more than \$1m (£600,000) each.
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of this year there will be at least 1,000 dollar millionaires in the City, compared to half or two thirds that amount three or four years ago, probably many more," one headhunter said yesterday. "A smaller minority will be million-pound men,

maybe a few hundred people." Below them are a rapidlygrowing number of thousands of executives at many top banks and securities houses whose earnings are comfortably in excess of £250,000 a year. bly lost about 200 staff. Our remuneration of a bank's research or equity

team, there are also pay rises. The increase in City salaries comes as figures from the Inland Revenue show that the number of people earning in excess of £100,000 will have grown from 100,000 in 1993-94 to 130,000 next year. Those earn-

Unlike a few years ago, howpackages now is the guaranteed bonus. Instead of part of a person's remuneration being based on the employer's performance. it is alleged that potential recruits are being promised bonuses which are guaranteed

several years hence. The guilty player fingered by

many other investment banks is Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, whom they accuse of driving up wages by picking off entire cohorts of key staff.

One prominent - if not politically correct - investment banking source said yesterday: "Deutsche is the nigger in the woodpile. "They are openly boasting that they can take out who they like. The salaries they are paying can be at least two or three times what people were earning before.

"Their strategy is that rather than go out and buy a bank they will pay whatever it takes to pick

up another's top team."
One hoped-for effect is that by taking out an entire rival's m, they fundamentally weaken its ability to conduct future business in the same area, another leading investment banker said. "In practice, we are having to promise our big hitters that if they stay with us they will earn much more than they would if Deutsche had not been nosing around."

One of those affected by Deutsche's recruitment strategy is Swiss banking group UBS. Two senior members of its UK equities and research teams, both in their mid-30s, were recently lured to the German bank for salaries rumoured to be well over £1m each, double

what they were earning at UBS. The Swiss have not taken this lying down. One of their recent recruits, John Bishop, global head of precious metals and commodity risk management at UBS, was recently won over from Rothschild's for a pay packet rumoured to be worth several millions of pounds.

Deutsche yesterday rejected its rivals' allegations: "There is a lot of nonsense talked about what we are doing. About 18 months ago we said that all our banking activities would be integrated in London under one brand name.

We said that as part of the re-organisation, we would start recruiting on a selective basis to take us into the areas we wanted to expand in. That is exactly what we have done. We have recruited about 250 people worldwide, but we have proba-

Our remuneration policy has been very consistent. We pay market levels and where appropriate we will pay a firstyear guaranteed bonus. Thereafter, remuneration is based on performance."

A spokesman added that rumours of two and three-year guaranteed bonuses were un-£100,000 will also rise from pay the remainder of the first same period.

pay the remainder of the first year's bonus as a way of help-ing to lock in our best staff. "I've just served a City get who came in and bought three." Ironically, those suffering

suffered the loss of more than 50 of its South American specialists, is rumoured to be on the shop is full of customers. The influx of new customers verge of picking up at least 10 into Walter Thurgood's reflects members of another bank's a dramatic upturn in salaries South African team.



# And his sidekick, the yuppie

Peter Rippin can't believe his luck. Sales at the City cigar merchant Walter Thurgood's, where he works, have always been buoyant. But this year's business, up at least 10 per cent on the same period last year, has been exceptional.
In part the sales boom is the

result of a new cigar-smoking fad, imported from the United States. But as Mr Rippin readily admits, the new fashion he caters for would find it much more difficult to become established if his customers did

"I've just served a City gent who came in and bought three boxes of my Cuban cigars for ever, a feature of the City salary from Deutsche's poaching are £600. It does seem as there are not above playing the game. a lot more people around with money to burn," he said yes-

servers to claim that wages in the Square Mile are in danger of equalling the high-point reached in the late 1980s.

Then, the sight of champagne-swilling yuppie traders, gorging themselves in expensive restaurants appeared to epitomise the decade's preoccupation for making money fast -

and spending it just as easily. Today, however, the picture is different. Most investment bankers will admit that a few among them are back to earning massive salaries. But, they claim, the high rewards are not as evenly spread among all emees. High pay is much more highly focused on the "big hitters", those capable by their specific skills of adding tens of millions of pounds to their em-

ployers' bottom line. Gone are the days of Porsches and high living: "Those who are earning big bucks are those who have something to offer," one investment banker said yesterday. "They are not interested in all the ostenpaid to thousands of workers in tation that went on before, al-Comment, page 19 the City, leading some ob- though if they see something

they like, they will pay to have

The root of the present pay spiral has been the determined poaching of several top investment banks of key teams they hope will help them to become key players in the global bank-

ing markets now developing. Many banks, faced with a decline in real profits from retail banking - ordinary mortals' accounts - have decided that the answer lies in positioning them-

selves in the world investment

banking arena. Here, the ability to direct flows of billions of pounds out of one part of the world, such as the Far East, and into other emerging economic markets, including Latin Amer-

ica, becomes critical. It is this perceived ability that led to the poaching earlier this month of more than 50 Latin America staff by Deutsche Morgan Grenfell from its Dutch-owned rival ING Barings.

Another area which increasingly commands high salaries is yesterday. "Anyone with a skill

corporate finance. Helping in that area, and the team companies to float on the stock working for them can virtually market, to mount bids for their demand what they want." rivals, or to fight them off is big business. Last year, about £69bn of takeover deals were carried

in 1994. The 1994 total is about to be breached this year. "You have to remember that a lot of this work is very much based on personalities, on who you know and how well you get on with them," one source said

out in London, up from £25bn

Despite the boom for some, others are not getting it so easy. One senior Japanese investment bank executive said: "In fact, salaries are getting more unequal, like the wider economy. About 9 out of 10 dealing floors are shaking out staff.

"If you are in the right place at the right time you can win the Lottery. But for most, the rewards are far more modest.

# The UK in 1996: Police take baby from mother for forcible vaccination

A baby girl faces an unprece-dented fourth vaccination against her parents wishes, in what is believed to be the first case of physical enforcement of immunisation in the UK.

If the parents of the child who is a ward of court and known only as Baby CP, do not present her at a local hospital today, police and social workers can remove her from their

At the hospital she will be subjected to a blood test which will decide if she needs another injection, despite independent medical advice that this is unnecessary, and the continued objection of her parents.

The action by health officials in Northern Ireland contravenes current Government policy on immunisation which says parental consent must be given. However, a leading medical ethicist is warning that this is yet another step towards the in-troduction of compulsory childhood vaccination in the UK. Another senior doctor says the case will do "incredible damage" to the sensitive issue of vac-

Fination of young children. Baby CP's father said last night: They have violated our right and duty to decide what is best for our child. We have suffered in violated our received a letter from the Westfered intimidation and stress and have been put under dures. They assaulted our new-

Liz Hunt on a case which may lead to the introduction of compulsory vaccination

knowledge, accepted advice that the child should be vacci-

His wife, an Asiatic woman, birth she was made a ward of nated within 12 hours of its birth, with two booster injections to follow. The boy

breakdowns in the year since

Dr Bill McConnell of the

her child's birth.

'They have violated our right and duty to decide what is best for our child. What they

When the woman fell pregdures. They assaulted our new-born baby. What they have done. I believe, is illegal."

derry threatening court action they did not give their consent. WHSSB said yesterday that their child to be vaccinated transmission of Hepatitis B then you cannot make them."

Within hours of Baby CP's from mother to child was ex-

carries the Hepatitis B virus.
When she became pregnant in 1993, she and her husband, a scientist with extensive medical social workers who threatened to take the child, and warned the father would be charged with

have done, I believe, is illegal'

recorded.

developed a "devastating" wide-nated; but their opposition was spread rash with weeping sores, according to the parents, which persisted for months. They blamed the vaccine.

nant again, the couple said they ern Health and Social Services Board (WHSSB) in Londontremely high, and it is a Goverrument recommendation to offer vaccination at birth.

"This is a unique circum-stance and it differs from the normal immunisation because of the serious consequences of disease. Our overall responsibility is to act in the best interest of the child whether or not the parents agreed and that is why we chose to put the deci-sion in front a judge, he said." Dr McConnell said that one

in six children who contract the disease from their mother will develop cancer or cirrhosis of the liver and die before the age of 16. This figure was disputed by a leading virologist yesterday who said it was based on studies in developing countries and irrelevant to the present case. However, Dr Richard

Nicholson, a physician and ed-itor of the Bulletin of Medical Ethics, accused the WHSSB of "serious abuse of the family" and said neither they nor their medical experts have been giv en the opportunity to put their

Since then, the child's father case in the High Court. has sought the opinion of medical and scientific experts Professor Jangu Banatvala, around the world to support his one of the country's top virolcase, but says his grounds for opogists said he was "gravely conposing vaccination are being igcerned" about mandatory nored. His wife has suffered two

vaccination. "This case will do incredible damage to the cause of immunisation. If parents do not want WHSSB said yesterday that their child to be vaccinated



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# US judges overturn ban on Internet porn

JOHN CARLIN

In an unprecedented expression of America's global might, a court in Philadelphia issued a ruling yesterday on freedom of information in cyberspace whose legal consequences will be felt all around the world.

Three federal judges blocked enforcement of a law signed by President Bill Clinton in Febcy" on the Internet. The

Communications Decency Act originates inside the United made it a crime, punishable by States. It is estimated that 35 up to two years in jail to transmit sexually offensive material which might be accessible to children. But the judges said that the act violated First Amendment guarantees on free speech and was therefore "constitutionally intolerable.

American law becomes, in this case, international law because 60 per cent of the material disseminated on the worldwide computer network

million people in 160 countries are linked up to the Internet.

The first major judicial ruling on the boundaries of freedom on the Internet came in response to an appeal against the act by a coalition of on-line service providers, such as Microsoft and America Online, and US pressure groups which felt the government had violated their First Amendment rights. The principal objections to

quately to define "indecent", and that it sought to impose the same narrow restrictions on the Internet as existing laws do on American broadcast media. The act's opponents argued it would be more appropriate if the Internet was granted the wider legal latitude afforded to

material that appears in print. They also made the point that laws are already in the statute books imposing limits on obscenity, especially as regards

child pornography, to which users of the Internet were as liable as anybody else. ited to reading books deemed suitable only for young children. The possibility existed not

Heading the anti-act coalition was the American Libraries Association (ALA), many of whose 80,000 member libraries feared that because they had been making their publications available on-line they would expose themselves to the risk of criminal sanction. The ALA argued in court that because of the vagueness in the act adults using the Internet would be limonly that Lady Chatterley's Lover

and Joyce's Ulysses would be persuaded that the framers of deemed "indecent", but that medical writings on, for example, breast cancer and AIDS would be too. The American Society of

Newspaper Editors figured also among the plaintiffs because they feared material deemed legally suitable in print would be declared criminal on-line,

tential difficulties when transmitting the contents of their oublications on the Internet.

the US constitution, unprepared as they would have been for cyberspace, would have agreed that the Communications Decency Act went too far. "Just as the strength of the Internet is chaos," the judges ruled, "so the strength of our lib-

erty depends upon the chaos

speech the First Amendment protects . . . As the most participatory form of mass speech yet developed, the Internet deserves the highest protection from government intrusion."

The government, however, remains determined to intrude. Backed by organisations on the religious right, lawyers representing the government said plans were under to appeal the Philadelphia ruling in the US Supreme Court

### Diva's song of sorrow over missing night

JAMES CUSICK

Memory, as someone once pointed out, is the thing that you forget with. After forgetting to turn up to sing at the Glynde-bourne Festival, the promising mezzo soprano Sarah Connolly yesterday said she was sorry.

On Monday night Miss Connolly, 32, should have been at the renowned opera festival to sing the role of Madam Larena in Tchaikovsky's Yevgeny



Sarah Connolly: back in role at Glyndebourne

Onegin. Instead she was at her home in west London playing

the part, of well, herself. She had put the wrong date in her diary. The performance was delayed as organisers at the Sussex Downs opera house contacted her understudy, Clarissa Meek, who lives seven miles away. This was complicated because Miss Meek did not at first hear her telephone ringing because she was up a ladder painting the outside of her house.

A Bowl of Warm Air

Someone is falling towards you

as an apple fulls from a branch.

He is holding in both hands

everything he knows he has -

He has sighted you from afar

moving slowly, imperceptibly as if

into a new political epoch, or excitedly like a dog towards a bone.

as if you were a dramatic crooked tree

like the underside of a mushroom.

or put you down like a newspaper.

and that he is adjusting his speed

on the norizon and he has seen you close up

And you are satisfied that he is veering towards you

and that the sun and the wind and rain are in front of him

cultures and to two ways of seeing has infused her poetry with

a gentle mystical surrealism This is the title poem of her see-

ond collection. A Bowl of Warm Air, published by Oxford Uni-

and the sun and the wind and the rain are behind him.

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began 35 minutes late, with Miss Meek in the role.

The presence in the audience of Bob Horton, the chairman of Railtrack, might have helped British Rail make the decision to hold the last London train for opera buffs later returning to

Yesterday Miss Connolly's agent, Allan Beavis, said "She is very sorry and was very dis-tressed about the whole thing. She has spoken to Glyndebourne and they have been very gracious. She is going to be k for the rest of the run." The next performance is tomorrow, and the run continues until August.

As she looks back on the incident, Miss Connolly might take heart from two sources. The American playwright Eugene O'Neil once wrote what beastly incidents our memories insist on cherishing . . . the beautiful things we keep diaries to remember. Having got the performance date wrong, it is unlikely the young diva will forget the consequences of her

She might also smile, knowing she is not the first to make such an error. On 9 March, 1778, the actor Samuel Reddish was due to play Alonzo in a public performance. He forgot to turn up and the part had to be read by another actor. After the incident the bold Reddish went on stage and apologised. He added to this by issuing an affidavit which confirmed he suffered from forgetfulness. Unfortunately there is no happy end in the Reddish tale; he

DAILY POEM



The pleasure principle: Professors Paul Rozin (left) and Arise founder David Warburton conduct a spot of research

### Want to share in the secret of long life? Arise, light up – and tuck in

What would you expect from a organisation called "Arise"? That it was a relaunch of Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party under a new. snappier moniker? Wrong. It involves scientists, medical folk and right-wing philosophers. So, perhaps, you might think, it's a self-help group for males suffering impotence: "Can't get it

up? Arise! Wrong again, if closer. In fact it is an acronym for "Associates for Research into the Science of Enjoyment", who last night came together for a seminar and more importantly - a dinner. Earlier some of Arise's luminaries had briefed 20 women's magazines and myself on the se-riousness of their intentions. For Moniza Alvi was born in Lahore. Pakistan, but moved with her the organisation has a real mission - to combat "Healthism", family to Britain at a young use. Belonging in two places, to two

described in the press handout as " a new religion". As Professor David Warburton. Head of Human Psychopharmacology at

War has been declared on 'Healthism' - the theology of the Nineties. David Aaronovitch eats caviar with the generals

ently responsible for an explosion of guilt about pleasure. And guilt, as he pointed out, causes stress. And stress leads to death. Thus (I inferred) healthy living can only result in an unexpectedly early bath.

Professor Warburton had lots of very impressive charts and di-agrams (with lines) to illustrate his thesis, involving endorphins, lymphocytes and decreased killer-cells. For a start there was the one showing that – under laboratory conditions - smokers enjoyed having a cigarette. Yet more new ground was broken with his findings on booze. At the bottom of one slide was the word "beer" with a line leading to

University of Reading argued. Healthism (a particularly American disease) is apparamental words "fruit juice" connecting with "morose". Furthermore, in a study of 34 sufferers from senility, the substitution of lager for their usual cocoa had had dramatic effects on their communicativeness and cognition. Suddenly I wondered whether

Gazza and pals knew something the rest of us did not. Just as scientific, we were told, was the dinner that seminar participants would be en-

joying.
It had been specially created by chef Albert Roux to exemplify the joys of guilt-free pleasure. The monu was circulated, each course explained thus: "Gotomandise at Chocolat. The practice of eating a sweet dish after a series of savoury dishes reflects our understanding of "beer" with a line leading to sensory specific satiety". And talkative, happy and the so on for the beef, scallops,

soufflé, foie gras, petits fours and aperitifs. Greed? Excess? A load of

self-indulgent middle-aged men troughing at the expense of (amongst others) Courvoisier, Dunhill Cigars, Nestlé and J&B whisky? Not at all, said Dr Digby Anderson, who describes himself as a sociologist. The sleek and tanned Dr

Anderson seemed at first an odd choice for a seminar on "guiltfree pleasure". A regular contributor to the Daily Mail, he is the editor of a book devoted to the need to reintroduce shame and stigma into society, entitled This Will Hurt. Personally I have always suspected that he is a sociologist like I am a foot-baller; watching from the terrace, shouting expertise too often ignored by ignorant play-

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ers and managers.

Clearly I underestimated the man. There were, he insisted, 'good reasons for the meal" adding: "It is built on sound principles". It was not to be a swinish free-for-all, but a civilised occasion.

"Eating is a socially policed activity", he explained. One governed by useful rules and norms. I presume he believed that - unlike the activities of homosexuals and teenage lovers. of whom he so disapproves - he and his colleagues would be doing themselves and society good as they gratefully shovelled back the copious quantities of food and drink.

But (dreadful thought) what if he were wrong? What if, last night, at the end of this exquisite meal and an evening's delightful socially policed pontificating, Dr Anderson had been struck down on Park Lane with a massive coronary?

Where would be the pleasure

### Killer **'gloated'** of guns to PC

Thomas Hamilton "gloated" as he held a gun and stood over a young woman police constable on her knees scribbling notes about his firearms licence.

PC Anne Anderson, 31, told Day 11 of the Cullen inquiry that she felt slightly intimidated by him. "I just got the feeling that he might have thought he could get some sort of reaction from me, him having these guns.

"I actually remember having to kneel down because there was nowhere for me to write. He was standing up and it was as if he was above me. He was sort of gloating, showing me his guns like 'Look what I've got'. Miss Anderson said she had gone to Hamilton's house in

Stirling to carry out a standard inquiry into his application to renew his gun licence in January 1995.

She said she felt uncomfortable as she went through checks on the firearms certificate. "It was the way he looked at me. It's very difficult to put it into words." When she returned to the po-

lice station she told a colleague that Hamilton had had a "strange and odd affect" on her. A check with criminal intely igence records threw up one piece of information on Hamilton but it was only three lines referring to his attempt to set up boys' clubs in the Bannockburn area near Stirling. She considered it irrelevant

because it had nothing to do with his firearms certificate. Miss Anderson said she felt happier after speaking to Detective Inspector John Anderson (no relation). "I was told they knew of him (Hamilton). Reports had gone in about him and there was nothing that I could do to stop him (obtain-

ing his new gun licence)."
Mr Bonomy asked what she would have done had she seen a criminal intelligence report on Hamilton and activities with young males. It said he should be considered a "suspicious youth worker" and said he had been the subject of police interest in the past and had vehemently

denied any wrong-doing. Miss Anderson said she would have probably got in touch with her supervisor

Colin Campbell QC for the parents asked how she could have completed a form that said Hamilton was a suitable person to possess guns. She replied: "On the basis that he had no previous convictions, that he is, known to a JP who had knowe, him for a long time and there was basically nothing to stop him

having a firearms certificate." She went on: "At the end of the day, it was a feeling that I had and basically I can't stop someone getting a firearms certificate because I have a bad feeling."

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Fisheye: Sally Reynolds examines an exhibit at the £5m National Sealife Centre in Brindleyplace, Birmingham. The centre opens to the public this weekend

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Mr Barnes recommended

return of a brief.

# Lawyers 'poor' at handling complaints

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES

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The Law Society's handling of complaints against solicitors is so poor that it risks losing the right to regulate the profession, the legal services watchdog warned yesterday in a scathing

Michael Barnes, the Legal Services Ombudsman, spotlighted the society's own research showing that two-thirds of those complaining to the semi-independent Solicitors Complaints Bureau remained very dissatisfied", and declared that "something fundamental" was wrong with the system.

Barristers were almost as bad, living a "blinkered existence", unaware of the distress caused to clients by brusque

But as far as continuing self-

legal equivalent of the last chance saloon.

Launching the fifth Legal Services Ombudsman report since the office was set up in 1991, Mr Barnes accused solicitors of adopting a "legalistic and defensive stance" when faced with complaints instead of

were at all justified. "This may be the Law Society's last chance to get complaints handling right. If further research in a few years' time shows that not much has changed, the pressure for a completely independent, one-stop, complaints system is likely to become irresistible."

clients must first complain to the also investigate the original Solicitors Complaints Bureau, or for barristers the General Council of the Bar, and for licensed conveyancers the Coun-cil for Licensed Conveyancers.

If they are not satisfied they

matter giving rise to it. During 1995 complaints to Mr Barnes rose by 31 per cent compared

to the previous year. Mr Barnes called for the system of "rebukes" to be re-

favour of solicitors. All lawyers should also give adequate warning about the risks of embarking on litigation at the outset.

He warns would-be clients to take "particular care" when placing instructions with solicitors who claim expertise in for-

payment of compensation of between a few hundred to more than £5,000 by the lawyers involved in 72 of the cases referred to him, and of between £50 and £500 by the professional body in a further 56. He recommended that the professional body reconsider the complaint in 71 cases. Criticism was recorded in a further 70 cases. Mr Barnes decided to take no action in a further 842 investigations.

A Law Society spokesman said: "Give us a chance. We are improving and the bureau is to be relaunched at the end of the summer. ☐ Fifth Annual Report of the Le-

gal Services Ombudsman 1995. £8.25 from HMSO.

### **Planets** orbit 'red dwarf' star

CHARLES ARTHUR Science Correspondent

Lalande 21185, a star almost so close to the Sun that it is a neighbour in galactic terms, has two planets orbiting it - the closest that such bodies have been found, new research sug-

The dim "red dwarf" star is the fourth closest to the Earth. It is 200 times less bright than the Sun. bas only one-third of its mass and lies slightly more than eight light-years away. Pre-viously, it had been thought that the nearest stars agent from the Sun to have planets were at least 40 light years away. "We're pretty sure that there's something there, but it's a little car-ly to say exactly what," according to George Gatewood, who told a meeting this week of the American Astronomical Society in Wisconsin, of his discovery.

The analysis suggests that there are two planets orbiting the star, each roughly the size of Jupiter - the heaviest planet in our solar system. Profes-sor Gatewood calculated that one circles Lalande 21185 every 30 years at a distance of about 900 million miles (about the same distance as Saturn) and the other lies closer, a few hundred million miles from the star. orbiting it every six years.

Other stars have been pinpointed as having orbiting planets, but never so close. Last October, astronomers reckoned they had detected one around 51 Pegasi, 40 light years away, and in January spotted varia-tions in the behaviour of Beta Pictoris, 50 light years away.

"These are the first ones that are really like our solar system," said Steve Maran, an astronomer at Nasa's Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland. Professor Gatewood found the planets by tracking the star's motions on the sky down to the object's tiniest twitch. The method is so precise that it could tell if an astronaut on the moon switched a flashlight from one hand to the other.

The planets' existence has not been confirmed by independent astronomers, but Mr Maran said the results suggest planets are the most likely explanation for the star's movements.

### can complain to the Ombudsplaced by fines if the public were man who investigates the hanto have confidence that the settling them quickly if they Ombudsman swamped by surge of grievances

Solicitor K offered Mrs J investment advice and retained £4,000 commission without her consent. The Solicitors Complaints Bureau said it was his word against hers. In fact, solicitors have to provide proof of consent. The Ombudsman recommended that Mr K pay Mrs K £4,000, plus £800 for unnecessary legal charges and £200 for the inconvenience caused.

Dr G wanted to buy an £80,000 cotlicitors who are drinking in the tage in France. Solicitor P claimed

expertise, but sought a £275 increase on an agreed fixed fee of £500 and proved unable to interpret French legal documents. He asked for a further £100 to provide a translation. The Bureau declined to take any action. While Dr G had not lost any money, he lost confidence in Mr P and felt he had to instruct other solicitors.

The Ombudsman recommended compensation of £250.

Miss E's late aunt. Miss E complained that Mr G had not informed her aunt that he would be charging for his services but gave the impression that he was acting as a favour to her husband. The Bureau insisted there had been no breach of the Law Society's professional standards on costs, but the Ombudsman found there was no evidence on file to suggest costs had been discussed at all. The £2,500 that Mr G charged meant an

unexpected decrease in the value of the

Solicitor G had acted on behalf of estate. £400 compensation was recommended.

Barrister Y was advising Mr H on his divorce. Miss Y returned her brief for a hearing when she had known for some time that she might not be able to represent Mr H owing to commitments in another case. Mr H's distress was exacerbated by the "complacent attitude" of the replacement barrister. The Ombudsman recommended that both barristers each pay Mr H £500.

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# Dentist pay deal bridges gap in NHS treatment

**NICHOLAS TIMMINS** Public Policy Editor

A Government boost to NHS dental services for children has provided a new climate for attempting to rescue the shrinking dentistry service for adults, the British Dental Association (BDA) said yesterday.

The package, however, which brings to an end a four-year-old pay dispute with Britain's 16,000 dentists, means that children will initially take a greater share of the NHS dental service, at the expense of treatment for adults.

"On its own, this won't bring anybody who has quit the NHS back in," John Renshaw, the vice-chairman of the BDA's General Dental Services Com-mittee said. "But it will allow some of the people still there to carry on a bit longer. The best we can hope for is that it will slow the rate of exit."

But it would allow new negotiations in a more positive atmosphere over adult services where fees and allowances remain inadequate, he said.

Under the package the Government has written off £250m it claimed dentists owed them for doing too much work under

BDA to advise dentists in 1992 aimed at cutting £10m off the £200m currently spent on such treatment.

In the longer term, legislation south-east, south-west and in East Anglia have found it difficult or impossible to find NHS dental treatment as more and more dentists have gone private.

Under yesterday's deal, den-tists will be paid fees for fillings and extractions in children on top of a payment per head aimed at encouraging preven-tative care. As a result the children's share of NHS dentistry will rise from 18 to 26 per cent, the association said, helping in particular those children from deprived areas with serious dental problems.

The money will come out of adult services, partly by cutting the registration period from 24 months to 15 months - a move that will save £25m a year. As it takes effect, it will see almost 5 million patients having to reapply to stay with their NHS dentist or find another if they have not been for a checkup in the 15 month period.

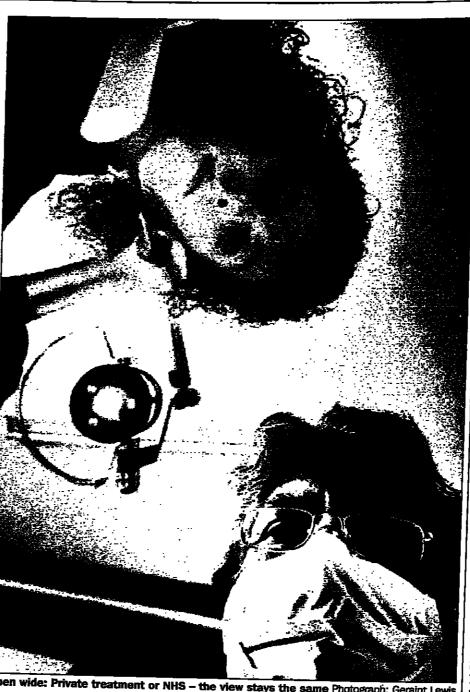
In addition, prior approval will be needed more often before dentists carry out complex the right of all sections of the work such as crowns and community in all parts of the a new contract which came bridges. The details of that country to comprehensive NHS into effect in 1990. That led the have yet to be agreed but it is dental care".

to allow pilot schemes under which health authorities will buy in dental services will be introduced after the autumn. More immediately, a limited scheme will allow about 20 health authorities to bid for £40,000 grants to deal with local shortages of dentists. That, however, was described as "chickenfeed" by Mr Renshaw.

Announcing his "new agen-da" for NHS dentistry, Gerald Malone, the Minister for Health, said he hoped it would "do much to end uncertainty and provide an atmosphere of stability and security for the den-tal profession." He added: "It creates a firm foundation for

He recognised, he said, that there were "localised problems of accessibility" and hoped the ending of the pay dispute would lead to more dentists accepting NHS patients.

Henry McLeish, Labour's



Open wide: Private treatment or NHS - the view stays the same Photograph: Geraint Lewis | ed to grant a substantive

### Concessions open door for **Divorce Bill**

DONALD MACINTYRE Political Editor

The bitterly contested Divorce Bill was finally in sight of Commons approval last night after Lord Mackay, the Lord Chancellor, made a series of concessions which nevertheless leave the central principle of the measure intact.

After a day of high level ne-gotiations which included contacts between Lord Mackay and Lord Irvine, his opposite number in the Lords, the Shadow Cabinet kept ministers in suspense by saying they might not decide their final stance un-

til the third reading on Monday. But there were growing signs last night that the Labour Party will support the bill. MPs were told to expect a three-line whip on Monday and leader Tony Blair said the party's decision should be taken solely on the bill's merit and not on the grounds of the "massive politcal blow" it would inflict on the

If Labour do back the bill which removes the concept of fault from divorce – it will mean Lord Mackay's struggle to win a consensus should finally pay off despite the prospect of a substantial revolt by right wing Tories against it.

Most of the concessions to be

published today lean towards Opposition demands and the

amendment sought by Edward Leigh, one of the leading right wing campaigners against the bill, for exemptions from the new law for those with deeply

held religious convictions. The concessions made last night include:

No "presumption" in favour of mediation rather than legal proceedings between estranged couples. Although the Government had favoured mediation over damaging court battles, it is now even-handed between mediation and the courts.

Government approval for an amendment tabled by the Tory MP. Sir Jim Lester, ensuring that the three-month "reconciliation period" will now be in-18-month cooling off period before divorce rather than outside it - which could have meant a wait of up to 21 months for a divorce to go through.

Allowing a woman who has suffered domestic violence to be represented by a third party possibly the police or another party - in proceedings.

The right of representation for children involved in divorce

cases in certain circumstances. Lord Mackay, asked yester-day whether he thought the bill would now be approved said: "I am not a prophet. But I regard myself as having done my very best to discharge my responsibilities to maintain the principles of the bill while taking into

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### Civil Service net is cast wider

NICHOLAS TIMMINS Public Policy Editor

An attempt to broaden the base from which the highest-flying civil servants are recruit-ed was launched by the Government yesterday amid limited evidence that recent new recruits are slightly less Oxbridge dominated than they were.

Whitehall is attempting both to cut the huge number of ap-plicants to its accelerated stream while encouraging higher quality candidates from a wider range of institutions. It is also to place more emphasis on 12,600 applications were renumerical and scientific skills.

Good applicants from a which were recommended for specialists, but among generalwider range of universities are appointment to the 246 vacanto be encouraged by extensive advertising, the despatch of re-cent recruits to meet university students and a video showing that the civil service is no longer the "brolly and bowler hat brigade", according to David Willetts, the Minister for Pub-

To cut back on hopeless applications, a paper and com-puter-based self-assessment questionnaire is being made available to allow candidates to assess their suitability, after

quotas, Mr Willetts said, adding that it was "no crime" to be an Oxford-educated white male". But it was interested in "attracting the best from all backgrounds". Recent research has shown an image problem for the civil service among undergraduates, with students at other universities seeing the fast stream as an exclusively Oxbridge pre-

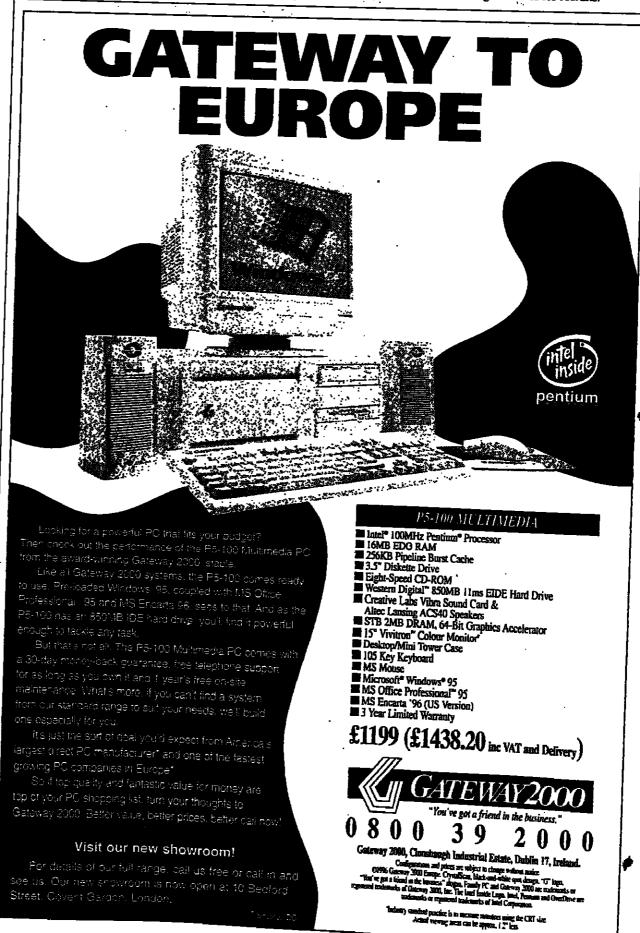
Last year, Oxbridge accounted for 39 per cent of all ceived last year, just 267 of fast stream recruits, including sources for recruits."

ists - the traditional policy makers - the proportion was The Government had no down to 52 per cent from 58 per cent in 1993. Forty-one per cent were women, 6 per cent

from ethnic minorities. Change was needed to answer recruitment competition from business and the City and also in recognition that the civil service no longer recruited people for life, Mr Willetts

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# Open door Tories step in to prescribe teacher training When learning is just a game

Ministers are to prescribe teaching methods in detail for the first time, Gillian Shephard, the Secretary of State for Education, announced yesterday: She said that all new prima-

ry teachers would in future have to learn how to teach English and maths in ways approved by the Government. Her statement came on the eve of a White Paper which will show that Britain is falling

behind other countries in literacy and numeracy. Her decision is a victory for traditionalists who have long argued that teacher training departments are to blame for sloppy and trendy teaching in

Under new rules, new teachers will have to be taught to use approved methods. Mrs Shephard said these would include phonics, matching letters to sounds, to teach reading, mental arithmetic for maths and whole-class teaching.

The new national curriculum for teacher training will apply at first only to primary teaching and to English and maths, and may be extended later to other subjects and to secondary training. She said the Government may not need legislation to make the regulations to impose the new measures. "It is a whole step forward. It is a different ball

game. If we have a situation where 46 per cent of newly qualified teachers can say they don't feel equipped to deal with the challenges of the classroom, then there needs to be more prescription." A new framework would also

be drawn up to train existing teachers. Details of the framework and the new curriculum will be disclosed in September. The actual percentage of time teachers must spend teaching the whole class may be specified, Mrs Shephard said.



Learning mode: Student teachers during training lessons at Bishop Grosseteste College in Lincoln yesterday Photograph: John Angerson/Guzelian

She briefed journalists on a series of measures the Government was taking to improve standards. Earlier she denied on BBC Radio 4 that yesterday's announcement had been prompted by complaints from right-wingers that she is not be-

ing tough enough on Labour. Headteachers warned the Government not to tell teachers how to teach. David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said: "We support the need to reform teacher training. But any attempt by the Government to impose particular teacher training methods will be resisted."

Some teachers gave the announcement a guarded wel-come. Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Asso-

of Women Teachers, said the decision was long overdue and would be supported by most teachers. "The great majority of teachers are very different from the trendy Wendy woolly jumper people - they exist but they are

in a small minority

He blamed the Government for procrastinating over teaching methods and for listening to advisers, inspectors and administrators.

Earlier, Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector for Schools, continued his crusade against progressive teaching methods at a Confederation for British Industry conference.

Too many teachers believed the progressive "nonsense" that "we should encourage children to make decisions and choices

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Professors and pundits hailed such "thinking" as the pinnacle

of good practice.
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Mrs Shephard told the conpore and the United States.

tiveness White Paper shows that Britain scores well on higher education and IT skills but badand implacable in our determination to root out those spely on literacy and numeracy and in some key work-related skills. The paper compares Britain

Every pupil is an individual, they argue, and this kind of lesson caters for differing needs as well as being great fun. In a recent teaching practice session Peter Wilkes, a fourth-

What marks it out, of course.

is the fact that Jo, Rebecca and Chris have long since left pri-mary school. Now they are in

the second year of a teacher-

they met their aims.

think more logically."

which is partly aimed at squeez-

Argos catalogues and asked them to decide what they would like to buy if they had £50 to Jo is concentrating hard on a spend. It was basic arithmetic, he says, but the children enjoyed solitaire game called "Jumping Bugs" and Rebecca's group is arranging dominoes into pat-terns. Meanwhile, Chris is it far more than they would have done if he had simply stood at proudly displaying some games she has made up herself. This is maths with a difference.

the front and lectured.

Peter says he uses a great deal
of the "whole class" teaching that ministers and advisers want to see increased, but it is interspersed with group sessions and is filled with chances for the children to participate.

training course at Bishop Gros-This college is regarded as one of England's finest. The schools inspection body. Ofsted, seteste College in Lincoln. In a few weeks' time they will try out their games on some real pupils and will write essays on whether visited a year ago and was impressed. The maths in particular was said to be very good, and "It's extending the children, students learned a wide range of professional skills. English rather than time-filling," Chris explains, "It isn't arithmetic but it's arithmetical thinking, It's was good too, though the stu-dents' knowledge and undera way of making the children standing of language was sometimes deficient. Students here have little time

The principal, Professor Leonard Marsh, says it turns out for Gillian Shephard's planned reform of teacher training. teachers who can employ both traditional and modern mething out the child-centred leachods. But the image of teacher training institutions as bastions of 1960s liberalism remains, and ing methods they are learning. sometimes puts him at a disadvantage, "People expect me to have sandals, long hair, two earrings and a nose ring. Instead, I have a multiplication table year student, gave all his pupils chart," he says.

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## **Vocational A-levels** marked 'erratically'

FRAN ABRAMS **Education Correspondent** 

Vocational A-levels are often time-consuming and unreliable, and many teachers lack the skills and confidence to teach them properly, according to an

Ofsted report due out today.

The latest criticism of General National Vocational Qualifications (GNVQs), introduced in 1991, will fuel fears that Sir Ron Dearing's planned reforms of 16 to 19-year-olds' education will have to be delayed.

Ofsted, the national schools inspection body, found that students' work was often marked inconsistently. Rightwingers have argued for years that the exams, which are both set and marked by teachers, are bound to lead to problems.

Although some improvements have been made since ministers announced plans to reform GNVOs two years ago, the report says marking is still inconsistent and that much pectors who visited more

than 60 sixth forms between antumn 1995 and spring 1996 found that teachers' marking of students' work was often erratic Assessment in which students compile portfolios of "evidence" of their skills under the teachers' guidance, was burdensome and unreliable,

they said. Teachers frequently had to mark the same piece of work several times. After marking, work is checked by a second teacher in

the same school. External exammers visit about once a term, though this varies, to look at a sample of work. The inspectors found that many of the teachers who ran courses - including health and social care, leisure and tourism and manufacturing - lacked confidence in teaching compulsory language and nu-

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of the teachers' training is rather than on the broader ones covered by GNVOs and was often largely irrel their needs.

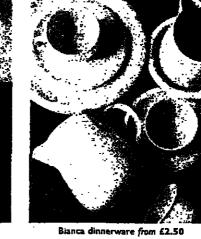
Sir Ron's report aimed to bring GNVQs and A levels closer together so that vocational qualifications achieved a higher status. A GNVQ is meant to be equivalent to two A-levels but many parents still prefer their children to take academic qualifications. Ministers may feel that Sir Ron's aims will be difficult to meet while a question mark hangs over standards

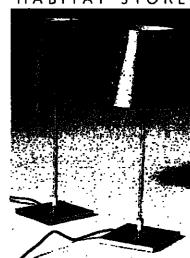
in GNVQs.

John Hillier, chief executive of the National Council for Vocational Qualifications, said areas of weakness had already been identified and £10m was being spent on addressing them.
A report to be published in September would show that up to 80 per cent of teachers were able to judge evidence effectively and three-quarters of assessment work was satisfactory on specific vocational areas or better, he said.



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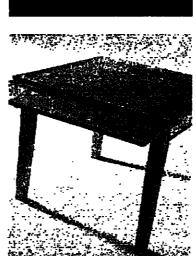


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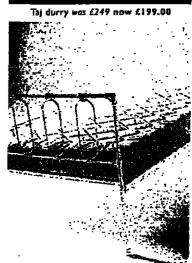






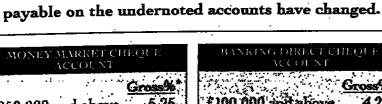
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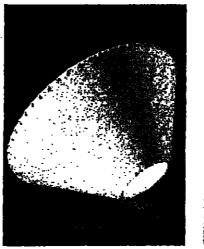
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Book world: As publishers cut back and banks crack down, 'mid-list' authors turn to literary charities for record £468,000 in aids

# Happy endings hard to find for destitute writers

**CHRIS MOWERAY and** MARIANNE MACDONALD

Formerly successful professional authors are facing serious financial hardship because their advances from publishers, on which they have to live while completing a work, are being cut by as much as a third.

At the same time the writers' banks are reneging on previ-ously agreed lending arrangements and demanding a reduction in their overdrafts.

Authors most affected are those on what is known as the "mid-list" - writers with four or five published works to their credit who have never been best-sellers but have formerly earned a comfortable living.

The problem has become so acute that the Royal Literary Fund, Britain's oldest and largest literary charity, has handed out a record £468,000 to destitute writers in the past year - more than three times the annual figure during the late

The fund, which was founded in 1790, and which has helped some of the greatest names in English literature including Samuel Taylor Coleridge, James Joyce, Angus Wilson and Joseph Conrad. does not divulge the names of

people receiving help. But the secretary of the char-ity, Fiona Clark, said those applying for grants this year included a number of wellknown names, and the average age of applicants was falling.

The public perception is of published authors receiving huge advances, but this only happens to a small number of writers, and the majority are not having an easy time," she

As well as the reduction in advances and the increasing toughness of the banks there is the problem of staff turnover in thors find that when the editor they normally deal with leaves.

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the successor is less keen on their work.

"We have had 150 serious applications for help during the past 12 months, but there were many others we could not con- er literary organisation, the Sosider at all because they were not of recognised literary merit. Others did not proceed ... because they were too proud to give us details of their personal

A number of factors have plunged the book world into difficulties including the end of the Net Book Agreement (NBA), which set fixed retail prices, and the amalgamation of

various publishing houses. Great advances



**Barbara Taylor Bradford:** from Harper Collins

Jeffrey Archer: estimated £22m three-book deal with Harper Collins

Martin Amis (above): £500,000 two-book deal with Harper Collins

Michael Ridpath: £1m for for first novel, Born To Trade, from Heinemann

Edwina Currie: £200,000 for first novel, A Parliamentary Affair, from Hodder and Stoughton

£100,000 for first novel, Swarr, from Orion

Alan Hollinghurst, short-listed for the 1994 Booker Prize for The Folding Star, helped assess applications for financial help made by writers to anoth-

"A lot of people who have successfully published a series of novels are now finding it harder," he said. "But not everybody remains interesting and publishable. Behind this is the assumption that people keep turning out books of a consistent quality. Some writers go off."

Patrick Janson-Smith, publisher of Transworld, which includes the Bantam and Black Swan imprints, said the "journeymen authors had been worst hit. "There's a lot of authors in this post NBA madness because there's a greater concentration on fewer books.

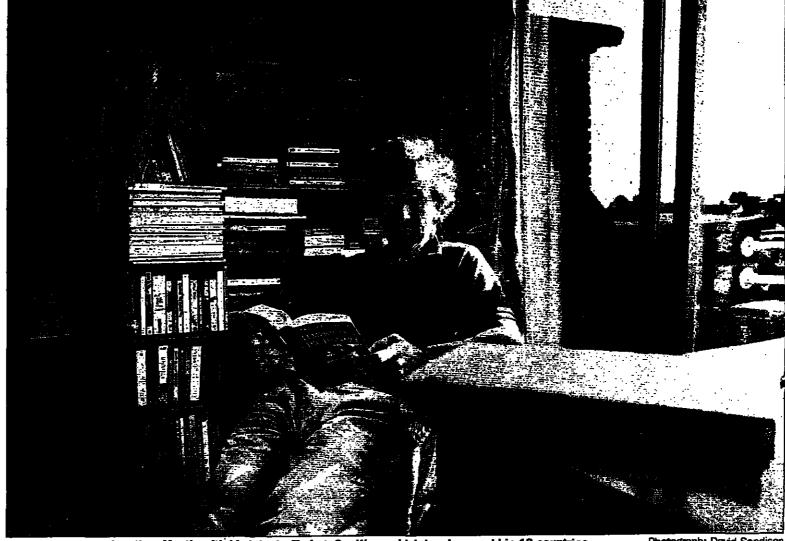
"Certain writers are finding it very difficult to get published full stop. There's a middle list which is getting whittled away bit by bit because the publishers can't support it." But the squeeze on the mid-

dle ranks has benefited the

high-fliers. Christopher Sinclair Stevenson, the agent and publisher who co-runs MSS, an advisory literary agency, said: "While the less-established au-thors get less and less, the big authors are getting as much or more." An average first novelist might easily get only £2,000, he said, and perhaps just double that for a second novel if the first did not sell well. While one of the first novels which periodically electrify the publishing industry - The Horse Whisperer is a good example — can command an advance of

Around 3,000 writers a year are therefore going it alone and publishing their own books from the front rooms of their homes. Their efforts have taken the official number of registered British publishers to record a level of more than 30,000.

£100,000 and above.



### Author who finds history a good back-up

**DAVID LISTER** 

Jonathan Mantle's success as an author is one that many would envy. His biographies of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Jeffrey Archer were big sellers. His latest work Car Wars, a blockbuster history of the post-war world through the rise of the automobile companies, has been sold in 13 countries. Yet Mr Mantle also has a

day job, writing histories for insurance companies and other businesses. His case illustrates the financial unpredictability of even a successful author, vet he is scathing of fellow authors who complain about their plight. He sees a profession that contains its fair share of the unworldly and the disingenuous. "I would like to point out

very nice way to make a living. But people tend to forget this when they are negotiating their next book. Authors are very disingenuous. It's a hangover from the late eighties, when they were paid enormous sums for writing newspaper articles."

Most authors, he agrees, need a second job. He has been

that commercial writing is a gamble. Most authors and most

oublishers know this, and it's a

writing company histories for eight years. Yet many authors will not accept the need for a second job. The argument over advances

is, he claims, a complete red herring. "Those who complain most are the ones who are paid too much in the first place," he maintains. "But it is a red herring because the real question

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is how effectively they publish and market your book. It's the sales, not the advances, that

make the real money." There is

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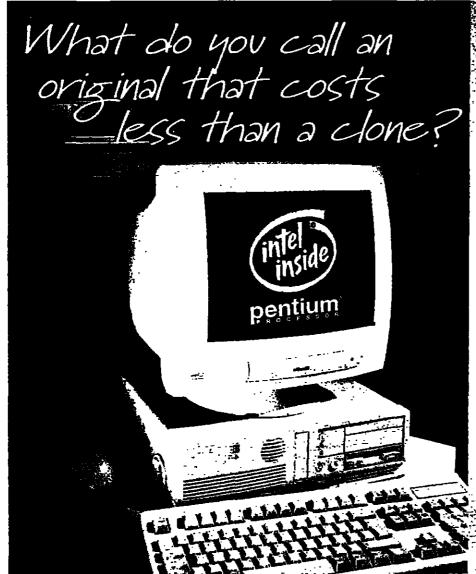
between advances and sales. Mr Mantle's Jeffrey Archer book had a very low advance, of £3,000, yet it made nearly six

"It's the incompetence of British publishers that handicap authors, not the diminishing level of advances," he claims. "My book, Car Wars, was published by Macmillan. During the publication process the publishers were taken over, the list was halved and I couldn't find the book anywhere. Macmillan handed me back the UK rights to the book for nothing, they were so embarrassed."

The real money, he adds, can often come off the back of successful books rather than from the books themselves. "When my books have made money. Twe made far more money out of related journalism, as I am then seen as 'the expert' on the subject, be it Jeffrey Archer or Lloyd's of

London. The solution to writers' financial problems does not lie in bigger advances, he claims. (In deed leading fiction author Brian Moore refuses to accept advances, preferring to have real income defined by real sales). The solution, says Mr Mantle, lies in publishers becoming more efficient in the marketing of books, and in authors accepting that they will normally

need other jobs. mercial author in this country who writes company histories, he says. "A lot of authors are suddenly and conveniently very unworldly.



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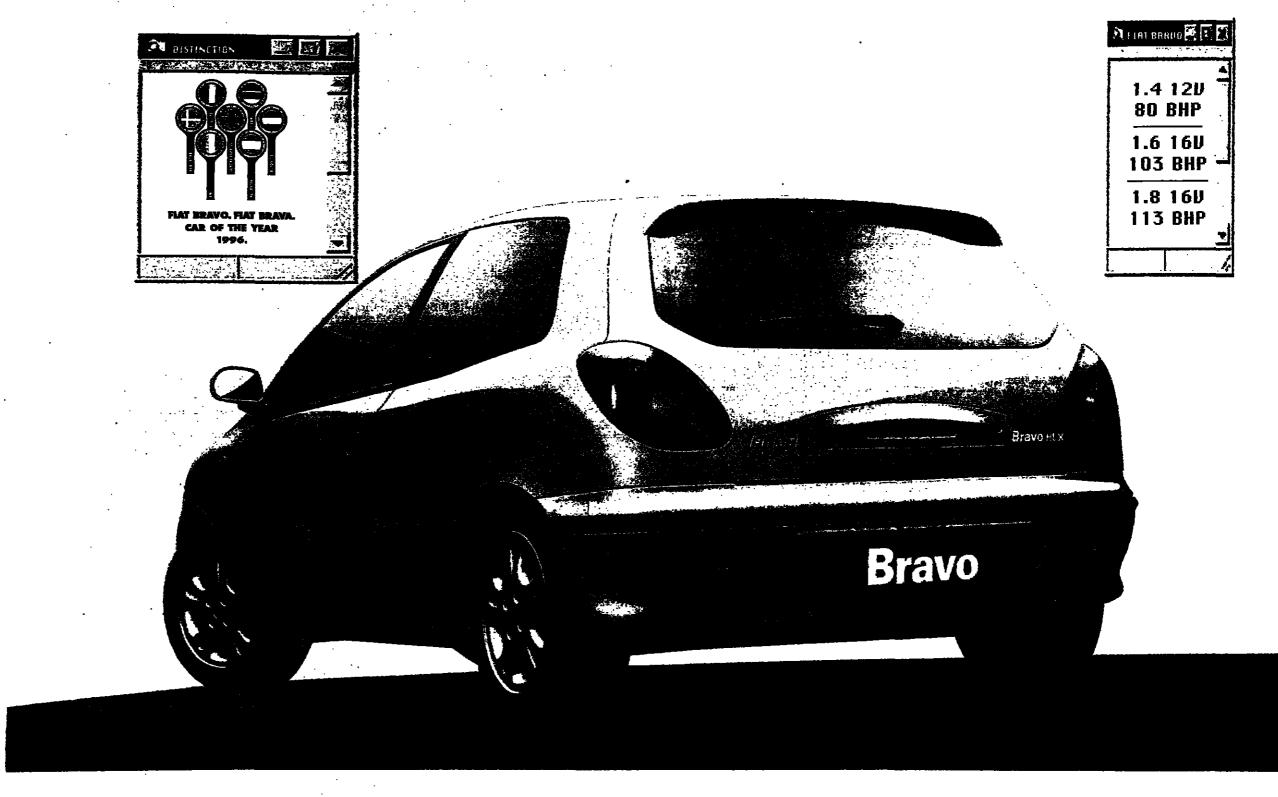
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# US says troops may have to stay in Bosnia

RUPERT CORNWELL

The US Defense Secretary, with the recent statements of William Perry, has given the other senior American offi-strongest indication vet that cials, they suggest that howev-Washington is prepared to see er unwelcome the prospect is, US ground troops stay on in Bosnia, should political instability render it impossible for presence may be unavoidable. the Nato peace-keeping force to pull out in December, as scheduled.

Yugoslav republic of Macedonia, Mr Perry made it clear that no decision had been taken. But the Alliance would not simply "give up on the investment" that it had made in Bosnia.

The White House vesterday insisted that President Bill Clinton plans to stick with his timetable of basing US peacekeeping troops in Bosnia for "about a year"

A spokesman. Mike McCurry, said the US was not considering any future Nato-led mission there. But at the same time. Mr Perry was indicating that if Nato chose to stay, then the US should take part in the operation, "including ground troops, including whatever is

were delivered just before today's meeting of Nato defence ministers in Brussels, lifted the lid off a topic which has been publicly shunned by both the who have been indicted for

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ton, for fear of turning it into a controversy in the US presidential campaign. And, taken the administration is resigned to the fact that an extended Nato

From the outset, the 1995 Dayton peace accords were tailored to minimise the polit-Speaking during a visit to ical risk to President Clinton, Skopje, capital of the former ensuring that the 18,000 US troops would remain in Bosnia until well after the vote on 5 November, ensuring no flare-up of fighting during the campaign. By and large, the strat-

US casualties have been very few, an uneasy peace has been kept and Bosnia has not featured in the campaign, not least because Mr Clinton's Republican opponent. Bob Dole, supported the deployment of US forces.

But, indirectly, the argument has resurfaced, as the US has exerted strong pressure for Bosnia's first post-war elections to be held on schedule by 14 September, even though the conditions stipulated by Dayton, including a free press, an end Mr Perry's remarks, which to human rights abuses and the return of refugees to their homes, have not been met. The Bosnian Serb leaders, Radovan Karadzic and Ratko Mladic.

Despite the US argument that the elections will help to rebuild Bosnia, several of Washington's allies, as well as the Organisation for Co-operation and Security in Europe (OCSE), the body supervising progress towards elections, believe Bosnia is not ready. Washington's stance, they suspect, is

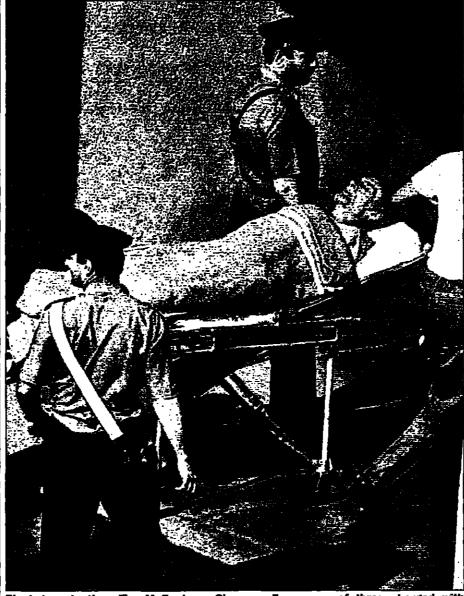
driven by domestic politics. Hence Mr Perry's gambit, designed to show that the US will not demand adherence to the Dayton timetable. Some diplomats here believe it was timed for the meeting in Florence of parties to the Bosnian conflict, at which the elections will be a dominant theme.

According to Mr Perry, the continued presence of US and other Nato ground troops is only one post-December option to be considered. Others include the continued threat of massive Nato airpower to preserve the peace, or the deployment of a rapid-reaction force close by, but not necessarily on Bosnian soil. "These are questions which will be looked at seriously this autumn." he said.

On Tuesday, the top State Department official for Europe, John Kornblum, who co-ordinates US policy on Bosnia, also hinted that the allies might have to extend their

peacekeeping duties.

He said it "is possible, even likely" that other missions would be necessary after the I-



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# **UN** may be forced into Haiti pull-out

DAVID USBORNE

The United Nations may be blocked by China from extending its peace-keeping opera-tions in Haiti beyond this month, despite signs that the country may be on the brink of another

eruption of political violence. Any collapse of the democratisation process in Haiti would be a grave set-back for President Bill Clinton before the US presidential elections. The restoration of peace to Haiti, which began with a military invasion in October 1994, has become a jewel in his foreign policy crown.

But unless agreement is reached inside the UN Security Council by 30 June on extending the authority of the UN mission in Haiti, the Secretary-General, Boutros Boutros-Ghali, will be obliged to order the immediate withdrawal of all

1,800 remaining blue helmets. Most Western diplomats believe that pulling out of Haiti prematurely could have disasirous consequences for the county and its efforts to establish democracy following its military dictatorship. Advisers to Mr Boutros-Ghali recently proposed maintaining the mis-

sion into next year. The UN took over from the US military in March last year, with an initial force of 6,000 peace-keepers, including 2,400 Americans who have now withdrawn. When the force numbers had to be drastically reduced earlier this year because of Chinese pressure, Canada agreed to send an additional 750 soldiers at its own expense. They are unlikely to stay if the

UN mission ends. Diplomats in New York fear a diplomatic clashlater this month when the Security Council takes up the issue. China's opposition stems from an objection to Haiti's long-standing friend-ship with Taiwan, with which it has full diplomatic relations.

In an effort at compromise, Mr Boutros-Ghali this week proposed re ployment with a reduced force of 1,200 troops, plus a contingent of 300 civilian policemen. The number of soldiers would be cut to 1,000 after three

The Haitian President, René Préval, who took over from Jean-Bertrand Aristide in February, had asked Mr Boutros Ghali to extend the UN mandate, citing a plot to destabilise

the country.
Mr Préval, who is winding up a trip to Europe to seek badly-needed investment, said the fledgling Haitian police force was struggling to cope with a wave of violence which could get worse if the UN troops

withdraw. The President says the continued UN presence is vital to maintain the stability he needs a to stimulate the economy. Despite the US intervention to restore democracy, Haiti remains the poorest nation in the western hemisphere, driving many to sail on leaky boats in the hope of slipping in to the US

Seventy-two Haitians were brought ashore in Florida last week after a rickety boat ran aground. Most will be returned home. Almost 700 Haitians have been intercepted so far this year by the US Coastguard. Unless they can make a legitimate claim to political asylum, rather than economic hardship, the Coastguard unloads them at the harbour of the capital, Port-au-Prince, gives them a couple of dollars for a meal and tells them not to try again. Out of

desperation, many do. The previous Haitian police, disbanded after the 1994 US intervention, were a branch of the military, headed by army officers, and traditionally worked hand-in-hand with the dreaded Tontons Macoutes militia.

During the past month, five police officers and a town mayor have been killed. After the mayor of Chansolme, Erla Jean-François, was shot dead. an angry mob stormed the police station and hacked to death seven prisoners at random.

Officials say most recent killings were by armed gangs which resurfaced after the last US troops left the country earlier this year, leaving security in the hands of police backed by blue helmets.

Diplomats are split as to whether the gang supports Mr Aristide, a former radical priest still by far the most popular man in Haiti, or is made up of ex-sol-

Police in Port-au-Prince said former army chief Prosper Avril, a collaborator of exiled dictator Jean-Claude Duvalier, was on a list of people suspected of plot-ting to destabilise Mr Préval's government. Mr Avril fled to the Colombian embassy during the US intervention but quietly returned home recently.

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### China feels 'comfortable' with win for **Boris Yeltsin**

STEVE CRAWSHAW Peking PHIL REEVES

Chinese officials say the gov-erament in Peking would feel more comfortable if Boris Yeltsin, the apostate Communist, remains in the Kremlin, than if he is replaced by a Communist true believer.

The Chinese privately emphasise they do not want Mr Yeltsin's Communist challenger, Gennady Zyuganov, to edge the Russian leader out in Sunday's presidential election. Officials said: "We are more familiar with Boris Yeltsin, and we have good relations. His visit to Peking went well. Zyuganov is unknown, for us. We don't know what he might do."

A paradox is thus created where a hardline Communist money on a non-Communist politician against a Communist. Mr Yeltsin is no stranger to the vagaries of pragmatic politics: he was in the Communist Party for years and was a Politburo member until he quarrelled with Mikhail Gorbachev, then

the Communist Party leader. The Chinese have always been pragmatic their dealings with foreign leaders. They scorn Mr Yeltsin's economics, arguing that their own version of the economic revolution has been much more successful than Russia's chaotic and mafiadominated rush towards the market. But they like the fact weeks later.

that Mr Yeltsin does not seek to lecture them on how they should conduct their affairs. Both sides are keen to leave human rights (the Tiananmen massacre, on the one hand, and the war in Chechnya, on the other) out of any discussions. For both sides, business mere-

For the Russian Communists, the Chinese rebuff is none the less embarrassing. Mr Zyuganov and his Communist nationalist coalition cite China as a country which has modemised its economy, attracting plenty of investment without bringing about the collapse of Communism. His senior aides, who hanker after the restoration of the Soviet Union, tend to quote the Chinese as an example of how a country can evolve slowly away from Marxist-Leninism, and still keep its ba-

That China has a rigid oneparty system and a dismal human-rights record does not appear to alarm them. But they will not like the fact that their Peking counterparts have far less faith in them than they do in the Chinese, not least because they are trying to convince a highly sceptical outside world that they understand some-

thing about economics. Chinese officials share the assessment of many Western observers of the election, that Mr Zyuganov could win the first round but that Mr Yeltsin is the favourite for the run-off three

### Stalin's French strategy

opened the second front in lished today in the magazine Normandy when he did, the So- l'Evenèment du Jeudi. viet Union would have invaded France, Stalin told Maurice Thorez, leader of the French Communist Party, in 1947, during a secret meeting in Moscow, writes Mary Dejevsky.

Minutes of the meeting. which have been in Russian archives for 50 years, have been scen by Stéphane Courtois, a French historian and specialist on Communism who prints a transcript in his journal, Com- Gaulle would have left."

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On being told of the Red Army's plans in 1944, Thorez responded: "The British and Americans disembarked in France less to destroy Germany than to take up positions in Western Europe." He then told Stalin the French "would have received the Red Army with enthusiasm" and that de Gaulle would not have existed. to which Stalin added: "De







Landmark for Los Angeles: Spanish architect wins \$50m contract to design replacement for one of city's oldest buildings

# 'Murder' of an old cathedral

TIM CORNWELL Los Angeles

No one claims that St Vibiana's cathedral in Los Angeles is an architectural jewel. It was slapped together in four years Barcelona, at least according to archdiocese spokesman, Father

Angeles and probably its second

oldest church. It was designed

by one of the city's first profes-

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St Vibiana's cathedral: One of Los Angeles' oldest

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of the oldest structures in Los also as a magnet for the city's

notoriously grimy centre.

If it happens. With Los An-

Vibiana's was dramatically

blocked by a court order after

a crane pulled off the cupola.

Moneo, one of Europe's fore-

most architects, has spoken of integrating pieces of the old

structure, including windows, porticoes and altars, into his new

design. But his reputation for skillfully blending the old and

the new has so far failed to si-

mental review.

sparked an unholy row between Drawing on the clout of 4 milthe church authorities and stubborn conservationists. The Spanish architect, Rafael

Moneo, has been given the task of replacing it with "a wonderful sacred space in the from cheap materials and is an midst of a modern city known "architecturally inferior, rather poor replica" of a 17th centument glitter". Those were the ry Spanish baroque church in words of Cardinal Roger Mahoney, who this week handed Moneo the \$50m contract. The Gregory Coiro. cathedral, it is hoped, will serve
But for all its faults, St Vibas a spiritual centre for Amercathedral, it is hoped, will serve iana, dedicated in 1876, is one ica's largest archdiocese, and

allies, including his friend, the Catholic mayor, Richard Riordan. He has also threatened to take his new cathedral to a site outside the city if delays continue. The cardinal said opponents would only succeed in creating one more empty and deteriorating urban eyesore, standing as "a shameful testament to a small group of ob-On Monday he and the mayor appeared at a rally of about 200 supporters, some of them

lion mostly Hispanic parish-

ioners, he has rallied formidable

nuns holding placards reading
"Let the cardinal run his
church". He demanded "the
freedom to worship in the manner and space that we desire and need as Roman Catholics" But leaders of the 5,000member Los Angeles Conservancy say they were all away at an environmental conference on June when the cardinal ordered demolition workers onto

the site without a permit. They voiced suspicion that the timing was no coincidence, and say that act destroyed 18 months of friendly talks. Conservancy director, Linda Dishman, said: "What is being lost here is that the archdiocese tried to illegally demolish the church."

The court battle resumes on Monday when the archdiocese geles newly sensible of its own (short) architectural history, the demolition of the original St will try to have a temporary restraining order granted to the Conservancy lifted by a judge. At the ceremony announcing the choice of Moneo, a devout Catholic, he described his assignment in deeply spiritual terms and pressed his lips to the cardinal's ring. He was chosen over two leading US architects including Frank Gehry, listed in Time magazine this month as one of the 25 most influential people in the US.

Beyond the Cardinal's hints that he would like something in California's Spanish Mission style, and a building ready for use by the year 2000, Moneo has a free hand. Needless to say, the lence critics of the project, who are demanding an environ-At the centre of the row is the outspoken 60-year-old cardi-nal, a Los Angeles native who is no stranger to political bat-ties, and is now accused of design must be earthquake proof, with - this being Los Angeles - parking spaces for about 3,000 cars. throwing his weight around like the owner of a football team.



Atocha station: Moneo reincarnated this famous Madrid landmark, combining the original ironwork with four times the capacity

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# Modest hero 'a classical revolutionary'

ELIZABETH NASH

Rafael Moneo is a hero among Spanish architects. What won him the Los Angeles commission was apparently the city's desire for a "Spanish spirit" to reflect its Hispanic roots. If brooding, barroque opulence is what they want, they can forget it. Moneo is the master of the cool, forward-looking structure that enhances its context with-out outflanking it.

Wise architecture," was one critic's verdict some years back. The work of a classical

revolutionary."

Moneo was awarded the international Pritzker Architecture prize, worth \$100,000, (£66,300) on Wednesday in Los Angeles. Reports in the Spanish press yesterday described the recipient as proud and self-confident, but modest. Just like his buildings.
The critic Fernando

Samaniego yesterday summed the architect up thus: "Moneo is classical and avant-garde at the same time, but not to excess. His work shows a strong link to the places where his buildings are situated. He is the Spanish architect most widely respect-

ed among his peers."

It is some indication of the esteem in which this unassuming man is held that Spanish architects in 1994 voted his National Museum of Roman Art in Merida, completed in 1986 on the excavated site of Spain's principal Roman city, the best public building of the decade.

Other triumphs include Madrid's reincarnated Atocha station, combining the original majestic ironwork with four times the capacity, and the transformation of an austere 18th-century palace into the popular Thyssen-Bornemisza

Completed in 1992, both buildings have blended into the fabric of the capital, and it is impossible to enter either without your spirits lifting. Each carries heavy historical baggage; which Moneo transmutes

into something light and modern. In contrast to monumental constructions that make you feel like an ant. Moneo treats you like a human being.

The exciting thing about buildings, said Moneo recently, was watching people take them over. Buildings nequire their own life when the users, the people, become a part of the



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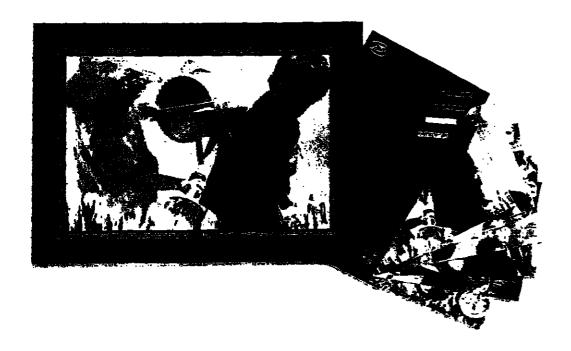
building." he said. "It is a privilege to establish the terms on which a city's reality turns. Buildings become a reference point for the lives of the people who live there.

Moneo, 58, from Tudela in Navarre, is well-established in the United States. He headed Harvard University's architecture school from 1985 to 1990. after 15 years teaching in Barcelona and Madrid.

His first US building, the Davis Museum and Cultural Center at Wellesley College near Boston, completed in 1993, was praised by Spanish critics as modest, cultured, elegant, without ostentation or solemnity. The description seems apt for the privileged young ladies destined to use it. Projects in train include an ex-

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China and the bomb: Superpower avoids ugly clash with environmentalists after deciding on nuclear test before world ban

# Peking passes its trial by Greenpeace

TERESA POOLE

Has China finally mastered the art of handling a difficult situation without over-reacting? Yesterday, about 70 Chinese uniformed officials boarded a Greenpeace ship moored off Shanghai, firmly told the crew they were not welcome in Chinese territorial waters, accepted delivery of a statement calling on China to stop nuclear tests, and then escorted the vessel into international waters. Even a Greenpeace spokesman admitted the apparently un-armed Chinese boarding party had been "extremely well-be-

From Peking's point of view there was never any question that the MV Greenpeace would be allowed into Shanghai's harbour. But after China's nuclear test last Saturday, which was swiftly followed by an announcement that it would join a global moratorium on testing in September after one more blast, Peking seems to have been anxious to avoid an ugly

confrontation.

The ship arrived off the Chinese coast about lunchtime yesterday, after leaving Manila on Saturday, the same day as China's new pledge. Earlier this week, Peking said it had refused an application for permission to bring the ship into Shanghai, although there had been contact between Chinese embassy officials and Greenpeace in Geneva and Manila.

The ship anchored at the mouth of the Yangtze River, and requested a Chinese pilot into the harbour, because of the difficult currents. China's staterun Xinhua News Agency said Shanghai authorities ordered the MV Greenpeace to leave and two of those detained have warned that the crew would be since had no problem

responsible for all the conse-re-entering China, and anothquences" if they refused. Then about 40 port and marine officials boarded the vessel. They were then replaced by the 70 uniformed personnel, more than double the 32 activists on the Greenpeace mission. Greenpeace was unable to identify whether the personnel were port security, naval officers or army. The crew was ordered not to use the communications

equipment or answer the satel-

lite telephone.

"They were very calm and extremely firm . . . and extremely well-behaved," said Damon Moglen, a spokesmen for Greenpeace. He said no one from Greenpeace was touched or manhandled. Greenpeace officials, who had hoped to moor the ship in Shanghai and invite Chinese on board to view an anti-nuclear exhibition, explained that they had come a long way to bring a message, and they wanted to deliver it to the Chinese government.

Mr Moglen said the senior Chinese officer agreed to a "ceremony" on the ship, during which he received a formal Greenpeace statement calling on Peking to stop nuclear tests immediately and agree uncon-ditionally to a Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

The captain was then escorted to the bridge of his ship, and the vessel headed for international waters accompanied by eight Chinese vessels including, according to Greenpeace, two gunboats. It will arrive in Hong Kong in about three days.

Last August, China deported eight Greenpeace activists, including two photographers. for an anti-nuclear protest in Tiananmen Square. However,

er Greenpeace official has been back to attend a nuclear disarmament conference, "We are not looking to go out of our way to make it difficult for us to work in China," said Mr Moglen.

Greenpeace yesterday maintained that it was correct to stage the action despite Peking's commitment on joining the moratorium, accusing China of still putting "major obstacles" in the way of a nuclear test ban. Negotiations for the treaty have

a 28 June deadline if it is to be ready for a September signing. Last week. China seemed to drop its insistence that "peaceful" blasts be exempt for a test ban, and after the Saturday test unexpectedly announced it would conduct one more. Since

troversial tests earlier this year, China has been the only country still testing and most analysts had expected more blasts.

Greenpeace insists that a close reading of the Chinese statement is that Peking will only sign a treaty if it includes a commitment to review the status of "peaceful" blasts after 10 years. It also says China's final test could destabilise the treaty

signing.
China, which is racing to modernise its nuclear arsenal before a treaty is signed, main-tains it has carried out fewer tests than most other powers. Last weekend's was its 44th,



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Bangiadeshis walked, rowed boats and bicycled in the polls yesterday, hoping to end a political stand-off that has paralysed the government. At least 18 people died in clashes in the month-long campaign, including two on tuesday. The government deployed 40,000 troops to manatain order. Polls predicted that neither the countst.

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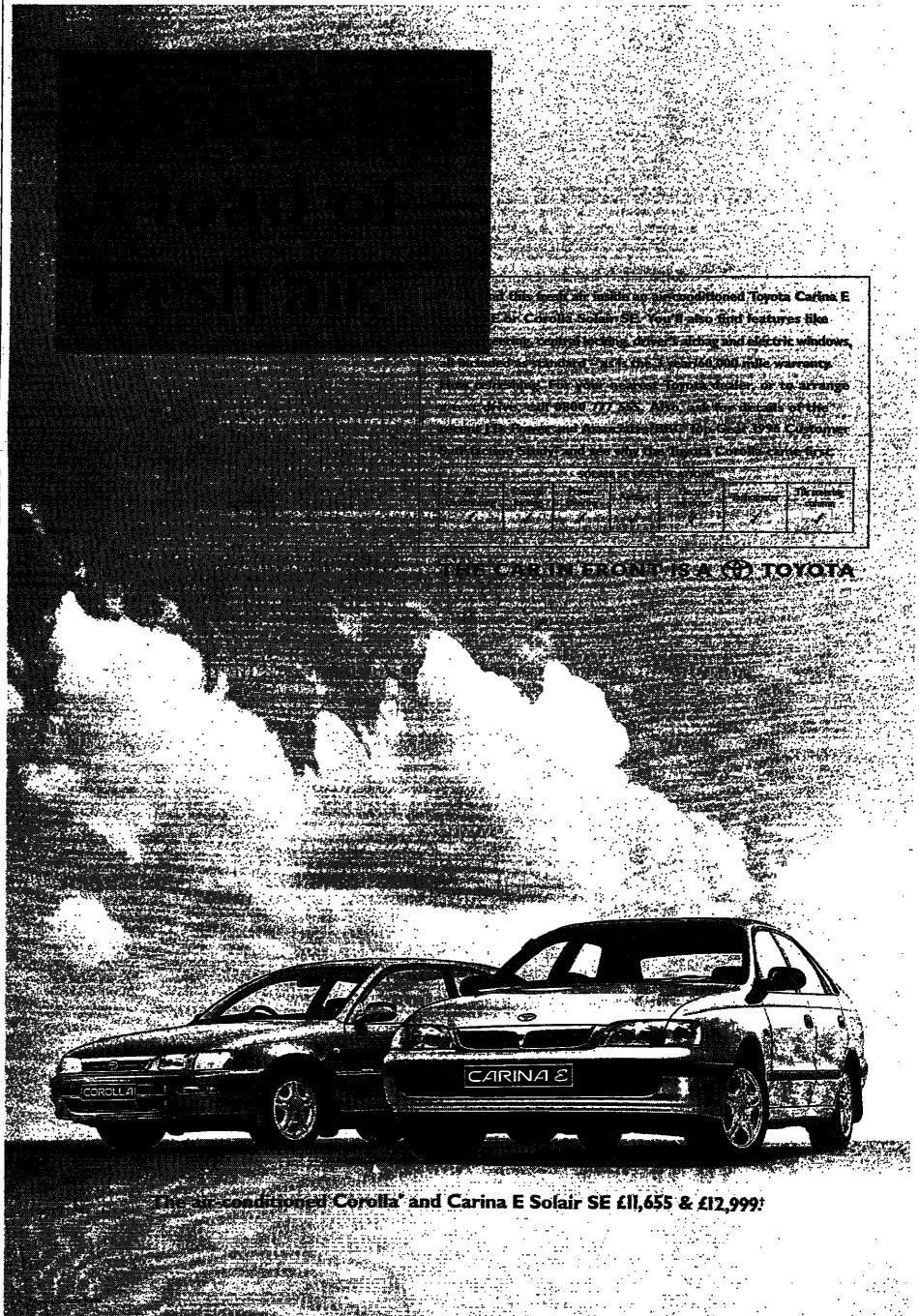
As many as six commandes were killed and eight were injured when two Blackhawk helicopters collidated and burst into flames during a training exercise last night. An Australian defence force spokesnan Brigadier Adrian D'Hage, said the two helicopters had been flying in opposite directions about 50 meters above the ground in darkiness during an anti-terrorist exercise: AP - Brisbant

Tropical storms and heavy policing turned a day of protest by Nigeria's opposition against the military government into only a token show of defiance. Four members of the Campaign for Democracy (CD), which called for protests to mark the anniversary of an annulied 1993 press indential vote, appeared at a designated sentic in Lagos and distributed leallets. "Down with the juntal," song the four in a protest that lasted less than 10 minutes. Rento Lagos.

Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, the governing body for America's largest Protestant group, voted yesterday to ask its 15.6 million members to beyond Disney products and theme parks. The non-binding resolution sharply criticised the company for extending health benefits to the same-sex partners of homosequals and for distributing what it called "objectionable materials" that disparage Christian values. Reuter—New Orleans

A senior judge who sent policemen to juli for Spane's
1980s "dirty war" on Basque ETA guerrillas was wounded
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house in central Madrid. Early reports indicated judge Jose
Antonior liminary Alfarn 65, had lost a hand or special fine Antonio Jimenez Alfaro, 65, had lost a hand, or several fingers, in the blast. The interior ministry said it was too early to tell who was responsible. Renter - Madrid

A man involved in a dispute with his ex-wife set off an explosion in a Swedish countroon yesterday, killing himself and seriously wounding his separated wife's lawyer. Police in Eskilstuna, 90 miles west of Steekholm, said the man was involved in a dispute over property. Exercimesses said he took a stick of dynamits from his pocket and set it off. He died of his injuries. Renter - Rehistent, Assesses



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# **Baroness Stedman**

Baroness Stedman was the former Under-Secretary for the Environment in the Callaghan government and Leader of the SDP in the House of Lords from 1988 to 1991.

She was born Phyllis Adams. the only child of parents who brought her up in a modest, loving home in the railway city of Peterborough, in a tradition of integrity, practicality and the devotion of talent to the benefit of others. She became head girl at the County Grammar School in Peterborough where, to the warm approval of her tradeunionist father, she discovered a natural ability at public speaking and debate which opened the world of politics to her never to be used for ambition, only for service.

She became a librarian and in 1934 attended her first trade union conference, as a most personable and enthusiastic

delegate, at the age of 18. When the Second World War broke out she entered the Na-When the Second World War tional Fire Service and was dren of their own, they gave a ated archaeology in the Nene

promoted to Group Officer, Derbyshire, in command of the county's force, including some 2,000 women. From this time she retained friendships which lasted over the next halfcentury, as well as the affectionate designation of "Miss Fire Service". She served as a

member of the Executive Council of the Fire Service National Benevolent Fund from 1976 until her death. In 1941 she married Harry Stedman, who also served in the Fire Service, continuing after

the war as a volunteer. She helped Harry to rebuild his family rose-growing business at Longthorpe and to run it with success for over three decades. This took them both all over England and deepened their love for the countryside, above all the Lake District. In their domestic and business circle, among their neighbours and in their travels

number of young people the understanding, encouragement and love of the best parents and

In 1946 Stedman stood as a Labour candidate for Cambridgeshire County Council and so began 29 years of continuous service; she was Vice-Chairman from 1974 to 1976. In 1965 she was appointed OBE, and her pleasure in this was completed when her husband received the same award for his service as a magistrate.

In 1976 she completed six years as a member of the Peterborough New Town Development Corporation. She had given unstinting encouragement to the outstanding team of officers who designed and created this successful transformation of the city which had always been her home. Linked to this interest was her involvement in accessible leisure facilities for the vastly increased townships, including the great new park and associ-

Valley, and its preserved steam railway which, with John Horam, her then ministerial colleague, she opened in 1977.

These developments were for her an extension of her husband's and her own 29-year devotion to managing and financing the Peterborough Phab (Physically Handicapped/Able Bodied) club where, week after week, disabled and able-bodied children and young people were enabled to enjoy a full life

The final symbolic act of the Development Corporation, floodlighting Peterborough Cathedral – which she loved and attended - gave her special

In 1975 she was made a life peer. She served as Baronessin-Waiting from 1975 to 1979, when she became Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State in the Department of the Environment. (From 1974 to 1985. she also found time to engage in the broadcasting industry as a member of the Independent

Broadcasting Authority and in Hereward Radio.)

Ministerial office was never better graced. Her perception of what was the right thing to do was instantaneous, her concern to see it done absolute. Her understanding of and sympathy with domestic life was profound yet realistic. So was her love of Britain and its heritage, and she rejoiced to make the fi-nal use of the National Land Fund in 1979 by the acquisition of Baddesley Clinton in Warwickshire, where domestic life

has been quintessentially preserved from medieval times. Stedman acted as Opposition spokesman for transport, the environment, local government and new towns from 1979 to 1981, when she joined the Social Democratic Party. She served the SDP successively as Whip, Chief Whip and Leader in the House of Lords. When the party was dissolved in 1991 she moved to the crossbenches, where her regular presence was marked by her

reliable kindness and her

considered participation. Many of her interventions were in the interests of disabled people and their mobility, but she was also a firm champion of the House if she saw a sign of government paying insufficient regard to constitutional checks and balances.

Peter Baldwin

Phyllis Adams, politician: born Peterborough 14 July 1916; OBE 1965; created 1974 Baroness Stedman; Baroness-in-Waiting 1974-79; government spokes-man on transport, the environment and trade, House of Lords 1975-79; Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Department of the Environment 1979; Opposition spokesman on the environment, local government, new towns and transport, House of Lords 1979-81; SDP whip 1982-86, Chief Whip 1986-88, Leader of SDP. House of Lords 1988-91; married 1941 Harry Stedman (died 1989); died Peterborough



### **Walter Pardon**

Walter Pardon was one of the best singers of traditional folksongs in England, yet, outside his family, no one knew of his singing until he was 59 years

Born in Knapton, near North Walsham in Norfolk, in a cottage where he lived for the rest of his life, Pardon came to national prominence in the folksong world in the early 1970s through a relative of his, Roger Dixon. Dixon heard Pardon sing the classic folk-song "The Dark-Eyed Sailor" at a family party, and persuaded him to record 20 songs on tape. The cassette was passed to Peter Bellamy, a Norfolk folk revival singer, who immediately recog-nised that Pardon was a singer of immense ability.

Within a couple of years, Pardon had been recorded for Bill Leader's record label – A Proper Sort, released in 1975, was followed by Our Side of the Baulk in 1977 - and he was invited by the distinguished folka group of English folk singers at the American Bicentennial Celebrations in Washington. Appearances at folk festivals and clubs followed, including at the National Folk Music Festival in 1977, held in Loughborough. Pardon also sang at a festival to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the opening of Cecil Sharp House, the London headquarters of the English songs as other singers did at the Folk Dance and Song Society,

came from his uncle, Billy Gee, who in turn had learnt songs from his father - a repertoire stretching back to the early part of the 19th century. Al-though he left school at 14 to

become an apprentice carpenter. Pardon was very well-read, and had a remarkable memory for songs - in all about 150 songs were recorded. His songs included classic ballads such as "Lord Lovel", the broadside ballad "Balaclava", and the music-hall song "Old Brown's Daughter". He also knew several rare songs from the early days of the Agricultural Workers Union.

Unlike his uncle, Pardon was never a pub singer, which is perhaps why he was unknown as a live singer outside his immediate family. The context for this singing was the family party, especially when his uncles and parents were still alive. In more recent years, Pardon sang just for his own amusement. He song scholar A.L. Lloyd to join also played the melodeon and

In view of his lack of public performance, before the folksong revival "discovered" him in the 1970s, it is not surprising that Walter Pardon was overundertaken by the BBC in the early 1950s. Pardon did not write in to the BBC about his songs as other singers did at the time. It was as if he was waiting to be "discovered". Even Walter Pardon, folk singer: born Knapton, Norfolk 4 March 1914; died 9 June 1996.

Much of Pardon's repertoire earlier, in the 1930s, the composer E.J. Moeran had recorded Harry Cox and other Norfolk singers in Catfield, just a few miles away from North Walsham, but he missed Walter

Pardon.

In total, five albums of Walter Pardon's songs were re-leased, and his full repertoire was recorded by the folksong re-searchers Mike Yates, Jim Carroll and Pat MacKenzie. One of the albums, Bright Golden Store, was released to coincide with the award to Pardon of the Gold Badge of the English Folk Dance and Song Society in 1983. The other albums were A Country Life (1982) on the prestigious Topic label, and Up to the Rigs, a live recording at a folk club in Torquay issued on Sam Richards's People's Stages label in 1987. Pardon was also filmed by the American film-maker John Cohen in 1983, in a documentary called The Ballad and the Source.

Walter Pardon's style of singing reflected his personality - he was a sensitive, private man, whose impersonal singing let the song speak for itself.
A.L. Lloyd wrote that he "had a fine feeling for the sense of the words and deep looked during the major musicality", and described folksong recording scheme Pardon as "the pick of the

Derek Schofield



Photograph: Doc Rowe

### Jacob Druckman

The composer and teacher Paris, completed his formal Jacob Druckman was a stalwart training.
of American musical life. In Druck 1972 the Chicago Symphony gave the premiere of Druckman's score Windows which subsequently won that year's Pulitzer Prize in music award which thrust him and his work into the forefront of his chosen profession. Since then, his orchestral works have found a regular place in the programmes of all the major orchestras in the United States

and of many abroad.
As a teacher (he was professor of composition at Yale University from 1976) and as an administrator (he was president of powerful bodies including the Koussevitzky Music Foundation) and through his long association with the Aspen and Tanglewood international festivals he played an important

role in the propagation of new music in the United States. Druckman was born in Philadelphia in 1928. After early studies of piano and violin and a thorough training in solfege, harmony and counterpoint, he was composing at the age of 15 and, not long afterwards, was playing trumpet in jazz ensem-bles. Equipped with the keen-est of musical ears and a precocious creative talent, he was admitted in the summer of 1949 into Aaron Copland's composition class at Tanglewood. Thus began a close friendship which lasted until Copland's death. Significantly, Ornckman was named the first president of the Copland Foundation. Studies at the Juilliard School, New York, and the

Ecole Normale de Musique,

Druckman: a style marked by

Druckman's early music

boldly asserts its lineage in affinities with the musical world of Debussy and Stravinsky and the large orchestral works of Mahler and Ravel. Soon it would also embrace principles and sonorities stemming from the legacy of the second Viennese school. Never a dogmatist, Druckman composed 12-tone and serial structures as he judged his music's need of them but, by the mid-1960s, his simultaneous exploration of electro-acoustic means, aleatory procedures and overt exploitation of the theatrical dimensions of performance gave his work affinities with that of Berio and Maderna -

composers he much admired. Through his complete and elegant mastery of instrumental and electronic means, Druckman developed a personal musical style recognisable by its extrovert and ecstatic gestures masking an underlying mysteriousness.

As composer in residence with the New York Philharmonic from 1982 to 1986, he launched, along with the then music director Zubin Mehta. three Horizons festivals - a watershed event in American contemporary music which lowered the conventional programming barriers by bringing together the work of composers as diverse as Amy and Adams: Babbitt and Berio; Schuller, Stockhausen and Subotnick: Takemitsu and Del Tredici.

At the time of his death, Druckman was working on a piano concerto commissioned for Emanuel Ax and a consortium of American orchestras. Also unfinished is the ill-fated opera project based on the Medea story with a libretto by Tony Harrison - commissioned (and later cancelled) by the Metropolitan Opera for its centenary celebrations. Druckman's last professional appearance in Britain was to conduct the BBC's Manchester orchestra. He was to have conducted the BBC Wales orchestra next season.

Bernard Rands

Jacob Raphael Druckman, composer: born Philadelphia 26 June 1928; married Muriel Topaz (one son, one daughter); died New Haven, Connecticut 34 May

### **Jennings Lang**



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Jennings Lang, who pioneered Arr." After serving a short the made-for-TV movie, deprison sentence, Wanger veloped some of the most successful television series of the 1950s and 1960s, and produced many top-grossing films of the 1970s and 1980s, might well have died in 1951, when he was

shot in the groin. Then the agent of the actress Joan Bennett, Lang was wounded by Bennett's husband, the film producer Walter Wanger, who was under great mental strain after the failure of his lavish Ingrid Bergman vehicle Joan of Arc. One waspish associate to the press said, "Wanger wasn't shooting Lang - he was shooting the millions of people who wouldn't come to see Joan of

prison sentence, Wanger quipped, "Everybody talks about Hollywood agents, but I'm the only one who ever did anything about them!"

Jennings Lang came to Hollywood by a circuitous route he first trained for the law, arriving in California in 1938, after a year with a New York legal firm. Obsessed with films, he soon left the firm to join Grand National Studios as an assistant director. In 1940 he set up as a talent agent, and, 10 years later, joined the powerful MCA agency. After his appointment as Head of Programme Devel-opment for MCA-TV, Lang helped create the first 90-

minute weekly filmed series on television, The Virginian, as well as the long-running McHale's Navy, Tales of Wells Fargo, The Bob Cummings Show

and Wagon Train. He supervised many of Universal's "World Premiere" made-for-television movies before graduating to the studio's big-screen films. Four years after Ross Hunter produced the highly profitable film Airport (1970) for Universal, Lang decided it was high time the studio made a follow-up. Originally intended for a television movie, the script of Airport 1975 (1974) concerned a jetliner left pilotless after a mid-air

posed mostly of television technicians. Lang turned out his film for less than \$3m, and saw it earn a huge profit. Nineteenseventy-four was his annus mirabilis; that year he also made Earthquake, an even more successful disaster movie filmed in Sensurround, Lang's muchheralded aural technique which deafeningly simulated the necessary tremors while mercifully drowning out many of played the role of a great jazz the platitudes in the film's vocalist. dialogue.

Lang also produced or supervised Walter Matthau's Pete n' Tillie (1972), Charley Varrick (1973), The Front Page (1974), House Calls (1978), Little Miss Marker (1980), Clint East- Desert, California 29 May 1996. extrovert and ecstatic gestures

for Me (both 1971), Breezy (1973) and The Eiger Sanction (1975). Lang made two more Airport films: Airport '77 (1977) and The Concorde - Airport '79 (1979, known in Britain as Airport '80: the Concorde'). The latter was based on an original story by Lang, whose second wife, the singer Monica Lewis,

wood's Coogan's Bluff (1968), The Beguiled and Play Misty

Jennings Lang, film executive and producer, born Brooklyn, New York 28 May 1915; twice married (three sons); died Palm

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High Commissioner in Botswana.
Aged 67, on 10 June, at his farm at
Korwe in Botswana. Sadly missed by
his wife Fenalla, daughters Alison,
Genny, Brigid and Barney, grandchildren Giovanna, Giorgio, Giordana, Gregorio and Gabriel, by his
sister Della and Margaret and brother Tom and by his many friends
throughout the world. A service of
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STEDMAN: Phyllis, the Right Hou the Baroness Stedman, of Longtborpe in the City of Peterborough, OBE; ho-noured citizen; stalwart parlamennoured citizen; statwart partamen-tarian; long-serving member of Cambridgeshare County Council and Peterborough Development Curpo-ration; es-member and lifelong sup-porter of the Fire Service; widow of Harry Stedman OBE, and sister-in-law of Edith. beloved friend, favourite "auntic Proff" – nassed away suddenly "Auntic Phyll" - passed away suddenly but peacefully at home on Saturday

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### Births, Marriages & Deaths

8 June. She will be very much missed and fondly remembered by many from all walks of life. Funeral service Peterborough Cathedral at 1pm on Tuesday 18 June 1996, followed by cre-mation at Peterborough Crematorimation at Peterborough Crematori-um. Family flowers only. Donations to Phab or the Fire Service Nation-al Benevylent Fund, co Bryan Barnes & Co Solicitors, Pega House, 172-174 Park Road, Peterborough PE1 2UF. TAGGART: David, on 10 June, after a long illness, a much-loved man who will be greatly missed. Donations to Cancer Research Campaign, or Marie Carie Cancer Care very much ap-precasted, croJ.H. Kenyon, 83 West-bourne Grove, London W2 4UL.

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Changing of the Guard

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damore, jockey, 38; Mrs Mary White-house, President, National Viewers' and Listeners' Association, 86; Mr Andreas Whittam Smith, founding editor, the Independent, 59. Anniversaries

Births: William Butler Yeats, poet, 1865; Basil Rathbone, actor, 1892. Deaths: Alexander the Great, 323

BC; Benjamin David (Benny) Goodman, clarinettist and bandleader. 1986. On this day: the first V-1 flying-bombs fell on London, 1944; the last British troops left the base of Suez, 1956; inflation in Britain reached 25 per cent, 1975. Today is the Feast Day of St Antony of Pad-ua, St Aquilina, St Felicula and St Tri-

Lectures Victoria and Albert Museum: Francis Pugh, "Lodovico Carraciola's

Rome: an early 19th-century painted panorama", 2.30pm. National Portrait Gallery: Angus Calder, "Livingstone, Scotland and Empire", 1.10om.

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Royal Society (Clifford Paterson Lecture). London SW1: Sir Martin Wood, "Superconductivity: will the dream come true?", 5.30pm.

**Dinners** 

HMS Victory Admiral Sir Michael Boyce, Second Sea Lord and Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command, bested a dinner held yesterday evening on board his flagship HMS Victory, Portsmouth Naval Bose, Among the ruests was Admiral An Pyong-Tae, Chief of Naval Operations for the Republic of Korea Navy.

European-Atlantic Group The German Ambassador, Dr Jurgen Oesterbelt, was the guest speaker at a Dinner-Discussion held yesterday evening by the European-Atlantic Group at St Ermin's Hotel, London SWI. Lord Dahrendorf presided. Sir Oliver Wright and Sir Frank Roberts also spoke.

King's College School, Wimbledon The Governors of King's College School, Wimbledon, have announced the appointment of Mr Anthony Evans as Head Master, in succession to Mr Robin Reeve, who will retire in the summer of 1997. Mr Evans is currently Headmaster of the Portsmouth Grammar School and Chairman of the Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference (HMC). KCS is a registered charity (no 31002) which exists to provide

### British coal workers' equal pay ruling upheld

and others: House of Lords (Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Browne-Wilkinson, Lord Slynn of Hadley, Lord Steyn and Lord Hoffmann)

Where a woman claimed equal pay with a male comparator working for the same employer, it was not necessary for the woman to work at the same establishment as the man, or for their terms and conditions of employment to be identical, in order to show they were in the "same employment" for the purposes of section 1(6) of the

Equal Pay Act 1970.

The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by the broad categories of worker: employer, British Coal Corporation, and allowed a crossappeal by the claimants, Mrs Evelyn Ann Smith and 1,285 other women employees. from the decision of the Court of Appeal ([1994] ICR 810) on an appeal from the Employment Appeal Tribunal ([1993] ICR 529). The House named them. of Lords restored the original

tribunal. Nicholas Underhill QC and Bankim Thanki (Nabarro Nathanson, Sheffield) for British Coal; Michael Beloff QC, Jeremy McMullen QC and Jennifer Eady (Gregory Roweliffe & Milners) for the claimants.

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LAW REPORT

Lord Browne-Wilkinson said 20 parison", found that they were. of the claimants were employed as cleaners and the rest, save one, as canteen workers. They were employed at 47 different establishments. They claimed equal pay with a substantial number of male comparators at 14 different establishments, mostly surface mineworkers but some clerical workers, on the basis that their work was of "equal value" under section 1(2)(c) of the Equal Pay Act 1970 (as amended). The tribunal identified four

ly women clerical workers, about half men half women surface mineworkers, all men It was not disputed that the male comparators were better paid than the claimants who

Two preliminary issues were raised. First, whether the applicants whose comparators did not work at the same establishment were in the "same employment" as those comparators under section 1(6) of the Act. The tribunal, directing itself that what was

The second issue was whether British Coal could succeed at the preliminary

stage with the defence under section 1(3) that "the variation [in pay] is genuinely due to a material factor which is not the difference of sex". The tribunal emphasised that the mere existence of separate pay structures could not itself amount to a defence; it still had to be asked whether the pay structures themselves arose because of differences of sex. In his Lordship's opinion, it

was plain that, although the woman had to show that a male comparator was employed by her employer or by an associated employer and that she could not point to higher wages being paid by other employers, she was not limited to selecting male workers from the place where she herself worked. But the establishment where the comparator worked must be one at which common terms and conditions of employment were observed generally or for employees of the relevant classes.

Subject to a misdirection of required was a "broad com- law, it was for the industrial tri-

what was or were the relevant class or classes. Having regard to the nature of the work and the different ways in which their pay structures were established the tribunal was perfectly entitled to take the various categories of worker separately, and not to treat all the claimants as belonging to one class, "ancillary workers",

as British Coal had urged. Whether any differences in pay were justified would depend on the next stage of the examination under section 1(3). That inquiry, where the onus was on the employer. was not intended to be excluded unless the terms and conditions of the men at the various establishments were identical. That would be far too restrictive a test.

The tribunal had not erred in law, and there had clearly been material on which it could base its finding that the claimants and their comparators

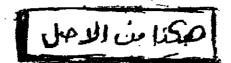
were in the same employment. In the absence of a misdirection in law, the question under section 1(3) was also essentially one of fact for the tribunal, which had been entitled to accept that the differentiation was based on sex.

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### the leader page

# Cabinet 'liberals' play the populist game

omophobes of the world calm down, Virginia is on the case. . It appears that some of that lovely lottery lolly is going to refugees, prostitutes and gays. £82,000 to the Scottish Prostitutes Education Project, £66,000 to advise asylum-seekers, #6,000 for gay and lesbian support groups in London and Leicester. But ever fear. The Prime Minister (no less) as taken up cudgels on behalf of the intolerant; the awards, he cries, are "illfounded and ill-judged". Hot on his heels, the Heritage Secretary has promised a fierce investigation into such appalling "political correctness".

Of course she can't actually make them give the money back. Nor can she vato future decisions by the independent charities board. But she can, er, keep an eye on things, and sneer for the sake of a few headlines.

Had this been Michael Howard seaking to a Conservative party con-frence nobody would have batted an uative, xenophouse.

Secretary. But John and Gruny:
These were supposed to be the balmature, sensible and tolerant
Probably they aced, mature, sensible and tolerant nembers of the Cabinet. Probably they lok in the mirror and tell themselves tat liberals are smiling back. They sould look again. Their remarks this week were not only illiberal, but vile. They are right that the National Lottry Charities Board has awarded

money to minority groups. So what? The homeless, the disabled, the deaf and the drug-addicted are all minority groups, too. Organisations working to help all of them received awards this week, and Mr Major did not mutter.

The Prime Minister does, presumably, believe that the general purpose of these latest awards is worthwhile: to help vulnerable young people. He must also surely agree that teenage prostitutes in Edinburgh are vulnerable. How, then, in conscience, can he object to funding a group that educates prostitutes about Aids and helps to get them off the game?
As David Sieff, chair of the charities

board, pointed out, giving money to scout groups is easy and popular. Many of them picked up cash this time. But Baden-Powell's creations do not reflect and respond to the range of problems that vulnerable young people face today. Be it drug abuse, sexual health, poverty or social exclusion, groups that help teenagers to cope with such problems deserve applause. These are not cuddly causes. They will never be able to raise cash in the same way as sanitised institutions such as the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, or even Esther Rantzen's Childline. They can't mobilise volunteers to take collections outside supermarkets. That is exactly why they need the support of a funding organisation like the lottery board.

Moreover, for all that they are wor-

thy causes, support groups for gays,



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prostitutes and refugees are only picking up a tiny proportion of the cash less than 1 per cent of this latest £159m giveaway. When you take into account the rest of the lottery loot - prizes, profits, sports, arts, millermium parties - the average punter would have to buy hundreds of thousands of tickets before he or she had contributed even a penny towards the Scottish prostitutes,

Competition for these awards has been fierce. The admirable Missing Person's Helpline and the Big Issue both left with less than they had hoped for, largely because so many other groups were as deserving. If the board,

faced with so many competing claims, felt that these groups argued persua-sively for their particular projects, the Prime Minister should not be so quick to dismiss them out of hand.

Of course, there are real questions to be asked about the way the board makes its decisions and allocates cash. For example, pouring so much into capital projects rather than current funding risks creating nationwide fleets of minibuses with nobody to drive them. Some of the awards will turn out to be wasted or abused - not because they are spent on prostitutes, but because the board has not yet found a way adequately to scrutinise the applications and the spending of the cash.

All these arguments seem terribly obvious. It seems remarkable that we should have to reflect on them at all except when you consider that these are politicians in the run-up to the election. Last October, the party chairman, Brian Mawhinney, played the same trick at the Conservative party conference. Mid-speech, he hailed with derision Camden Council's support for the "Camden Hopscotch Asian Women's Group". But both Mr Mawhinney's hopscotch and Mr Major's prostitutes demonstrated the Major's prostit strate how hollow and opportunistic these politicians' complaints are. National government already gives funds to at least two of Mr Major's vilified groups, and to the much-maligned Hopscotch as well. What is good enough for the taxpayer is not, it appears, good enough for Lottery cash, particularly in the run-up to the election.

Downing Street tried yesterday to retend that there was no contradiction between ministers' statements and government policy. The Lottery, we were told, is different; it was set up to raise funds for "good purposes ... nobody had in mind concerns like these." It just isn't what the public expected when they bought their lottery tickets, is it?

What nonsense. Any allocation of a large sum of money is bound to provoke disagreement at the margins. Government spending certainly does, yet those who object still have to pay taxes. If a democratically elected government feels that Hopscotch, Leicester lesbians et al are worth financing. why shouldn't the charities board be able to do the same? Any players of the Lottery who object to the way that the board distributes the profits has an easy remedy which is not available to taxpayers. Stop buying the tickets.

### It takes courage to compromise

David Trimble's acceptance of Sen-ator George Mitchell as chairman of the mainstream talks at Stormont is both a harbinger of what might be accomplished in the talks and itself part of the bargaining. "Of course it's a com-promise. This is what happens in negotiations," he said yesterday.

In the banality of that observation lies not only wisdom but courage. The courage to give in order to get. No one is saying Mr Trimble has changed his spots and turned overnight into a pillar of Ulster pluralism. But his refusal to play at name-calling with Ian Paisley is almost statesmanlike. Those who feared his leadership of the Ulster Unionists would be an exercise in stiff-necked rejectionism have been proved pessimists in the most welcome way.

### • LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •



'For that sort of money it could be you!'

### Referendum Party's Dicey quotation Sir: The Referendum Party's

ittempt to give its case academic espectability is spurious.

It quotes extensively from Dicey's introduction to The Study of the Law of the Constitution, 8th edition, London 1920. But it fails to point out that the introduction expresses Dicey's personal views. The idea of a referendum is not mentioned in the main text.

And it only appears in the Production to the 8th edition when Dicey - like the Referendum Party - thought a referendum might get support for his views on an issue (Home Rule) on which he was unlikely to win otherwise. There is no mention of a referendum anywhere in editions 1-7 or editions after the 8th when the distinguished editor - after consultation - decided it was inappropriate to include it even in the introduction. How can one have any faith in a party that uses such deceptive tactics? SI R TERÈNCE HIGGINS MP (Worthing, Con)
House of Commons London SWI

Sir: Your headline "Tory MPs dance to Goldsmith's tune" (12 June) makes me wonder why Sir James doesn't just buy the Conservative Party. It must be for sale: everything else is in this DAVID NETTLETON

### Graveyard of prime ministers

Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk

Sir: John Major is mistaken if, as Andrew Marr says (11 June), he "has commented privately that he new be the first British premier to be ousted by the Irish question since William Gladstone". Ireland was responsible for ousting two British prime ministers in the

In the February 1974 general clection, Labour attained 301 seats, while Heath's Conservatives got 296.If the Ulster Unionists had not broken away from the Conservatives (whose whip they had been taking) during the preceding parliament, their 11 seats would have brought Heath's total to 307. He would have been better placed than Labour to form a minority government, and would have been a much more attractive coalition partner for the Liberals (who turned down Heath's proposal for a coalition), since their 14 seats plus Heath's 307 would have been enough for a majority in the 635-seat House of

in the confidence vote on 28 March 1979, James Callaghan was defeated by a single vote. Gerry Fitt, MP for Belfast West, made a speech in the debate explaining why, for reasons relating to Ireland, he would be abstaining in the division. Frank Maguire, independent MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone, followed Fitt's example and also abstained. If either one, let alone both, had would have survived. Ireland precipitated a general election and the consequent Conservative victory that led to 17 years of Labour in opposition. GERALD KAUFMAN MP (Manchester Gorton, Lab) House of Commons London SW1

### to asthma

Sir: Your article about the Buteyko breathing technique ("A shorter intake of breath", Section Two, 10 June) claimed the existence of a technique with the potential to "cure" asthma which was apparently not welcomed by the National Asthma Campaign. Readers could be forgiven for thinking that this charity has entirely rejected the Butevko method either out of pique or out of excessive devotion to drug therapy. None of this is true.

It is true that we do not at present recommend the Butcyko technique, just as we never recommend any new treatment or technique without rigorous clinical trials published, after peer review,

in a reputable medical journal. The double-blind clinical trial referred to in your article has not been published in this way. Its results are interim and therefore not peer-reviewed. They are drawn from one trial of 43 people who self-reported the extent of their symptoms, thus increasing the likelihood of a placebo effect.

As your article points out, even the author of the interim study is sceptical about the benefits of the technique.

The National Asthma Campaign cannot recommend that the 3 million people in the United Kingdom who have asthma entirely abandon their orthodox treatment and rely on this technique on the basis of a study of just 43 people. MELINDA LETTS Chief Executive National Asthma Campaign London N1

### Unproven answer | Above all, pupils need hope

Sir: In the debate over pupil achievement, no one has mentioned the single most important factor - motivation. I chair two school governing bodies in Cambridgeshire. In this county the number of pupils going into employment at 16 is only 9 per cent. At 18 years old it is just 11 per cent. If they cannot see the financial advantages of better results in public exams many pupils are not motivated to study. Those who are not attracted by academia are doomed to many years of apparently pointless and almost

endless education. It would be easier for schools to motivate these pupils to achieve if there were real jobs waiting for the keen 16- or 18-year-old.

This morning I watched one of my pupils cycling to "work experience", genuinely excited by the prospect of a day of real work where he will be able to pretend he is an adult, doing something useful. His next experience of work is likely to be six years hence. And at 15, six years is a very long time. The Rev STEPHEN LEEKE The Parish Churches of Warboys with Broughton and Bury with Wistow

Sir: In less emotive times a shift from CCD to CDD in the average A-level entry grades required to enter programmes of teacher education would hardly merit a front-page exclusive (10 June),

Huntingdon

particularly when you recall that the number of students entering higher education has doubled between 1986 and 1996, your sample years. Furthermore, all candidates for teacher training programmes are interviewed by both practising teachers and teacher educators and are judged on their potential to become effective teachers after three or

four years of training as well as on their likely A-level points score. It is, however, fair to say that teaching is looking increasingly unattractive to potential university entrants, and this is reflected in a decline in applications in recent years. The extent to which this is influenced by the comments of politicians, quasi-politicians and the media is for your readers to judge. Dr JOHN CATER

Director Edge Hill University College Ormskirk, Lancashire

Stake in a job Sir: So the Adam Smith Institute and some Labour politicians share the aim of "giving individuals their own stake in their future welfare provision", by having them contribute to personal insurance accounts which will pay benefits in the event of memployment,

sickness, etc (10 June). A few pages later, in an article about redundancy and sackings, the director of the Institute of Personnel and Development is quoted as saying: "All the rhetoric about stakeholding is just hot air unless organisations are seen by

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their employees to be committed to long-term strategies for maximising

employment opportunities."

If individuals are to be required to take responsibility for their own welfare during periods of unemployment, would it not be just to enable them also to take more control over their own lives while in employment? Democratic employee ownership has proved itself to be an equitable and viable form of enterprise, both where a facility was formerly within the public sector – eg Tower Colliery, Greenwich Leisure, the dozens of self-managed carers' co-operatives and in the 1,000-plus small and medium-sized businesses which have opted to establish themselves as co-operatives in the past two decades. Needless to say, long-term employment strategies are part of

these organisations plans.
Yet while there seems to be a growing consensus that workers should be making their own provision for the lean times, there is a woeful lack of political interest in significant measures to enable them to enjoy job security and fair reward during their wealthproducing years. Employee control of enterprise should be fundamental to any vision of a stakeholding society. ICOM (the Industrial Common Ownership Movement) has produced an eight-point plan for changes in public policy which would encourage the expansion of democratic employee ownership. CHARLIE CATTELL Industrial Common Ownership Movement

### Civilised travel

Sir. Representing the "me" society on cars (10 June), Polly Toynbee happened on the obvious cure but without banging that drum loud enough: "Dazzle us with the sunshine of a public transport system so convenient and enjoyable that it becomes irresistible, then we would relinquish our death machines."

We do not want "improved" transport facilities, but a new concept of civilised travel. An example from the 1970s is the US government's federal funding of Washington DC's wonderful metro, that is faster, quieter and more comfortable than driving to work or going by cab.

To do the equivalent for all British public transport systems, ridding them of their grime of inefficiency, would surely, along with relatively few important political issues today, be one of the most astute investments for the next century? PATRICK HODGKINSON Emeritus Professor of Architecture and Urbanism

### Visual illiteracy

Sir: Both Ken Welsby (Letters, 6 June) and John Fairbank (Letters, 11 June) miss an important point about the teaching of handwriting. Learning to write brings with it an appreciation of those fundamentals of the visual world: line, form, space and pattern. The visual illiteracy of the average person today may be partly due to not having learnt to write decently. MICHAEL HARVEY Bridpon,

### Stirring up anti-gay bigotry

Sir. The Conservatives must be in a desperate plight to think it worthwhile playing the homophobic bigotry card by attacking the National Lotters Charities Board's awards of a tiny proportion of its huge handout to a couple of small lesbian and gay charities (report, 12 June).
In 1978, I was one of the nearly

200 signatories of the statement Towards a Charter of Homosexual Rights, which commented that "We believe that fear or hatred of homosexuals is a social evil akin to anti-Semitism, racism, and slavery, with the same evil consequences. It harms both the victimised individuals, and the society which tolerates it .... Homosexuals are the only natural minority ... who are still liable to be mocked or persecuted by people claiming to represent ordinary social opinion, or the Christian church. Sadly, this is still true today, even though - or possibly because - homosexual people are much more visible and vocal in society.

The Prime Minister is a civilised man, and he knows perfectly well that homosexuals are still very disadvantaged and discriminated against. One can only conclude that he (quite wrongly, in my opinion) discerns some political advantage in whipping up prejudice against them. If so, he should remember that gay men and women are, like everyone else, taxpayers and voters, and he should realise that the time has gone by when they are prepared to be ground down and

insulted by his party or anyone else. I was especially sorry to see that Virginia Bottomley is apparently responsible for launching this disreputable bandwagon. As Secretary of State for Health, Mrs Bottomley had extensive dealings with many lesbian and gay people giving devoted service to Aids sufferers and in other health work. We deserve better than her patronising sneers and silly twaddle about "deeply shocked colleagues". ANTONY GREY London NW2

Sir: I was not surprised at the moral outrage expressed by the Prime Minister over some recent National Lottery Charities Board awards. Evidently, these awards, made to charities dealing with antideportation appeals, prostitution and gay/lesbian rights are "out of kilter" with the feeling of the general public.

In my view these are the only groups deserving of National Lottery cash. All the other socalled good causes should be properly resourced from national taxation. The National Lottery Charities Board is a substitute for a well-regulated and fair taxation system, and in effect takes money from those people least able to afford it, to subsidise those areas of public life which are rightly the province of public funding. ALEX FALCONER MEP (Mid Scotland and Fife, Lab) Inverkeithing, Fife

Sir: I am entirely opposed to the National Lottery in principle, but it is unreasonable for the Government to set up independent bodies to administer the proceeds only for the Prime Minister and the Heritage Secretary to threaten interference as soon as they have some objection to decisions made by them. The "tax on the poor" appears to be perfectly acceptable provided that the "rich" retain the right of vote. PHILIP J RICKARD Suiton, Surrey





# Alienation is off his menu

Richard Rogers is not only one of Britain's most creative architects, he is a visionary thinker about the nature of cities. Here he tells Jonathan Glancey how the cultured urban life he enjoys at the River Café near his London office can be made available to everyone

(Thomas Aquinas, the 13th-century Italian philosopher, would have enjoyed lunching at the River Café. Hammersmith. The "Angelic Doctor" could have sat over a table set with exquisite risotti and al dente pasta pondering the nature of the ideal civic Rogers. Sir Richard is the architect responsible for the Pompidon Centre and the Lloyd's Building in the City of London. among many other futuristic city monuments.

Over the past decade he has become the nearest thing Britain has to a minister of culture, but without political office or a seat in Parliament. He has also been active behind the scenes in an increasing number of charitable ventures aimed at bringing radical change to the way in which people live in the most deprived areas and housing estates in the country.

Rogers, wife of Richard, and Rose Gray) is not only a de facto extension of Richard kind of artist." St Thomas would Rogers's architectural studio, and the sociable architect's natural forum, but a part representation, in delicious miniature, of the civic culture Rogers would have us all enjoy being

Our single greatest social

One imagines St Thomas, tackling the grilled scallops, nodding in agreement. What was once seen as a virtue - a time to stop and stare, regenerate human batteries, tend the gar-den - is, as far as Rogers is concerned, a vice. Why? Because, not knowing how to use free time and not having the education, training, motivation or money to do much more with it than watch television or kick a ball around, citizens feel alienated - useless, without purpose and in effect outside the system they are meant to be a part of. Or, as Aquinas had it. "a man is a slave when he does what he likes to do in his spare time and in his working time does what is required of him".

This famous Thomist aphorism has been taken up over the centuries by those - such as Eric Gill, the sculptor, letterer and essavist - who have employed it as the philosophical underpinning of utopian communities The River Cafe (prop. Ruth that have been dedicated to the sanctity of work. "Every man", Gill liked to say, "is a special have agreed. So does Richard

> Human beings have a need to express themselves, and this they do best when expert in some art, craft or skill, whether

thoughtful and elegant modern buildings anywhere in the world.

The difference between Richard Rogers and Thomas Aquinas or Eric Gill is that whereas these earlier thinkers believed that a state of good liv-ing could only be achieved by escaping the sins of the city (Aquinas chose the monastic life, Gill a secular version of the same), Rogers believes that we

Why waste money on more police and prisons when we should be creating a viable urban culture?'

can lead the good life - all of us - in the herated city.

more relevant this week when I lunched with him at the River Cafe. He was just back from the Habitat 2 conference in Istanbul, where he spoke on the nature of the sustainable city of making wobbly pots for sale in the future. Delegates to the village fayres, playing tennis, conference were agreed that problem, says Rogers, is that we or, like Rogers, inspiring a team not only are the world's major have too much leisure time. of architects who continue to cities likely to expand at an

design some of the most inexorable rate into the foreseeable future, but that this is not necessarily a bad thing, at least in the minds of those countless millions who are moving from fields to shanty towns. What these migrants seek is not only an improved chance of making a living, but ultimately of giving their children a chance to benefit from the riches and

> seem able to provide. Our own tiredness with the city in Britain, Rogers believes, derives from the fact that we have exploited it for short-term financial gain rather than nurturing it so that it works for us not just as a marketplace, but as a place of delight and culture. "Culture's a sticking point in

culture that to date only cities

Britain," says Rogers. "This week we held another in the series of public debates on London in the 21st century, at Central Hall, Westminster. The theme was culture in the capital, by which I mean the way a city lives and works, and not specifically the fine arts. People are scared of the word; it His message seemed all the sounds grand and removed from everyday life. But unless we get the culture of the city -London, Istanbul, Bombay into some sort of sustainable, desirable and forward-looking balance, we are condemning citizens to lead a fruitless and

alienating life." The big problem in western cities, as Rogers sees it, is that there are more people seeking fewer jobs. "Children are growing up now who are likely never to have a full-time job. If you leave them to waste their days watching TV and without purpose and money, they are at best going to be pretty much dysfunctional citizens, and at worst are going to turn to crime.

increase policing and security, to build more prisons, to deal out longer custodial sentences. "This is unrealistic, an expensive nonsense. Why waste money on more police and more prisons when what we should be doing is creating a

viable and attractive urban cul-

"This is happening. And what's our response? To

ture that positively encourages people to want to join in, to do something useful, to become, in Tony Blair's word, stakeholders in civic society?"

"We also need to capitalise on the time and energy freed by the reduction in conventional employment and the lowering of the age of retirement", says Rogers. "At the moment, we view the hours between waking and sleeping that people do not spend working as redundant. What we need to build up is the notion of creative leisure. As a society, we need capital generated by the market, capital generated by government and, now, a third category, social

"Social capital includes any number of different forms of voluntary and community work. We need active citizens to renew run-down housing estates and urban parks, to run community services, to create their own art, music and meeting places. Over the past 15 years, central government has increasingly taken power into its own hands and rolled the frontiers of the state over local interests and local democracy. We have to give a voice and power back to citizens at a grassroots level.

"Where would the money come from to fund new forms of community employment? Not out of thin air. I can assure you. The money we could be spending on what I've called creative leisure is currently being spent on, for example, unemployment benefit. To me this is a topsy-turvy way of going about things. Why pay people to hang around all day watching TV when they could he setting up social enterprises that ultimately would pay back to the community a value way and above the initial capital

outlay? "As people began to work in creative ways, we would see a gradual decline not only in crime - and so need less in the way of security and fewer pris-Active and engaged citizens are far less likely to be ill than a model of a new covenant

those pushed to the margin of between city and citizen. civic society. So, we'd save money on policing and health care that could then be assigned

to new forms of employment."
If this basis for a healthy civic society sounds in any way pie-inthe-sky, Rogers has proof up his sleeve that his notion of creative leisure works, and works in what secm to be the least promising circumstances. Since the riot on Broadwater Farm, the vast

'City buildings and the space around them must be as open and welcoming as possible for all citizens'

Sixties council estate in Tottenham, north London in which PC Keith Blakelock was backed to death, Rogers has been part of a team of outside experts and local residents who have nurtured a successful transformation of the estate from a place of explosive alienation to a model of its kind.

"Of course, the architecture's still not great," says Rogers, "but local people are taking responsibility for their own lives and futures. Now we see a new explosion, not of pent-up aggression, but of creativity. The estate has generated its own businesses, its own newspaper, a variety of forms of art and entertainment. It has concierges, a meals-on-wheels service for the elderly and infirm ... sure, it falls a long way short of paradise, but, look, we're talking of an inner-city estate that was a byword for violence 10 years ago and where the security forces squared up to the citizenry. We've come a long way

"The other development that makes me hopeful is the rise of bodies like the National Tenants Resource Centre, a bighitting national charity based in Chester that aims to help tenants, young people and frontline staff in disadvantaged areas. It aims to develop highquality training and support for those involved in making

communities, in particular urban communities, all over Britain and Ireland work." For Rogers, architecture is a key means of shaping cities so that they respond to this new covenant. "I passionately believe", he says, "that we must strengthen the public domain in both its philosophical and physical aspects, for the public domain is the crucible of a caring and creative society. The philosophical manifestation of

the public domain is the existence of basic human rights, and its physical manifestation is the articulation of these rights in three-dimensional space. City buildings, and more importantly the space around them, between them and even and as welcoming as possible for all citizens.

"Now that computer and communications technology is beginning to break down monolithic corporations and encouraging lighter and more flexible ways of working, we need fewer and fewer monumental buildings; and those we have can be colonised by a host of different organisations and activities, giving city centres a finer grain in terms of use and occupation, making them more accessible and ultimately more democratic. The city at its best is all about communication, the exchange of ideas - it fails if people are isolated or feel they have nothing to contribute."

Rogers's ideal city is an attractive place and far from being unattainable. Because, however, it is a highly democratic city, it will take some while before we see its full effect in, say, London. Unlike any other European capital, London has

no city-wide governmen Meanwhile the capital, like Britain as a whole, has wife nessed an extraordinary trans ference of wealth from the poo to the rich over the past decad which has meant that the mos fashionable parts of the city have become ever sleeker and glossier while the poorest (with exceptions, such as Broadwater Farm, which have been put under a national spotlight) have remained shabby.

Rogers has the figures on the prongs of his fork. "Between 1973 and 1993, annual earnings of the top 20 per cent in Britain increased by 10 per cent, while those of the lowest 10 per cent dropped by 24 per cent. This is 4 hardly the way to create a society that people feel proud to be a part of, or can afford to bi a part of."

Rogers, of course, has done rather well for himself over the same period, and there are those - not on Broadwater Farm - who would label him a champagne socialist. But there is no need to defend him: unlike architects who have talked of revolutionising the through them, must be as open city but have done little about it except talk, Rogers is engaged at grassroots level in the workings of concrete housing estates, as well as making practical proposals, at great expense to his own practice, for ways of making our city centres more pleasurable places in which to live and work. Whether or not you share his vision of a civic culture and a civic society in which we all have the chance to lunch at the River Cafe is neither here nor there; what matters is that the civic culture that Rogers proposes is one aimed at encouraging those who live in cities to be active citizens rather than passive consumers. If, ultimately, every man (woman and child) cannot be as free as St Thomas Aquinas would have liked them to be, we can at least start working with available but misdirected resources to make our cities better places rather then expecting them to do all the

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### Chapter and verse on second-hand bookshops

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oday's Information Special is all about second-hand book-Yes, all you need to know about buying the kind of book that has already been read and rejected by other

What is the difference between an antiquarian bookshop and a second-hand bookshop? Antiquarian books are

books that are collected for their oddity, rarity, beauty, binding and so on. Secondhand books are much superior, because they have to be read. There is nothing much else to do with them.

So a second-hand bookseller is superior to an antiquarian In every respect but price.

Are second-hand books cheaper than antiquarian

Generally, they are cheaper than any kind of book. It is usually cheaper to buy a good second-hand hardback of a book than a new paperback. Good heavens. So why don't people always go for second-

hund books?

The only plausible explana-tion is that they are afraid of getting diseases from second-

Good heavens again. Is it possible to get diseases from second-hand books? Certainly. An exhaustive study of second-hand book-

sellers shows that they are more prone than other people to deafness, coughing, frowning, unwillingness to make eye contact, and inability to remember if they have a Humour section or not. In what way does this deafness show itself?

When you go into a secondhand bookshop and try, but fail, to make eye contact with the owner, you then start looking through the books until you find one that you want. You then look for the price. but either you can't find it or you find three different prices pencilled in, two of which were levied on the last two times the book changed hands, so you say loudly: "What's the

which the owner does not Because he is a deaf git?

actual price of this book?" to



Miles Kington

Sometimes, but generally the real answer is that if the bookseller preserves a discreet silence, you might agree to pay the higher price out of impatience or sheer embarrassment.

If there are so many secondhand bookshops, why are there no second-hand video tape shops? Surely videos are, for many people, what books used to be. So why isn't there an equivalent resale sector?

Books and videos occupy an entirely different culture. For instance, a book borrowed from a library is something you take home and enjoy at leisure, for two or three weeks. A video is borrowed overnight. It is a cultural one-night stand. Video

shops do sell second-hand videos, but they're not called "second-hand", they're called, rather unattractively, "exrental". Everything in a video shop is geared up to an evening at home, which is why they also sell sweets. crisps, soft drinks and basic groceries. Everything in a second-hand bookshop is geared to the belief that people have no existence outside bookshops. This may, incidentally, be true. However well you know your local second-hand bookseller, you never bump

Why do some second-hand bookshops mark the prices in a strange code, so that instead of it saying £3.50, it might say BITQ? Is this to make it harder for the customer to haggle, or is it because the bookseller can't decide what to charge?

into him in the street. Maybe

he only exists in his shop ...

No, it's so that the bookseller can look at the customer and decide how much he can sting him. We recommend that whenever you find such a coded price pencilled in, you rub it out and write

What does that mean? Haven't the faintest idea. But nor will the bookseller. Why is the music in secondhand bookshops always

Because he is out of

copyright.
Finally, why do second-hand bookshops sell books that nobody in their right minds could possibly want to buy? Such as?

I am always seeing copies of The Good Pub Guide 1983' for sale. Why, for heaven's sake, would anyone want to have a 13-year-old pub guide?

Let me ask you a question. I am always passing pubs that have stickers in the window reading: "We are in The 1983 Good Pub Guide," and nothing later. Why haven't they taken them down?

I don't know. Why? To cater for all the people who don't buy pub guider unless they're over 10 years old

Copies of this guide to second hand bookshops availab from me, only 30p ... OK, 2f Or 10p? OK, free, then. B. that's my final offer.

### the commentators

# Space fantasies that spin us right out of orbit

ers don't generally go into space to get away from it all. This is for the simple reason that space is, to a very significant number of decimal places, empty. Anything we find there can only be something we've brought with us: personal baggage filled with all the things we like best, but also with all the things we can't imagine how to leave behind, whether we like

When it comes to kitting up for the void, Buzz Aldrin, the man who drove Neil Armstrong to the Moon, has the advantage over most of us that he has actually been there. If he has a disadvantage, it is the same thing. Aldrin knows only too well the infinite inhospitability of space. Several times in Encounter with Tiber he makes the point that an astronaut is effectively a human waldo, a remotecontrolled device executing a complex series of commands from Ground Control. A life-support system of millions of intricate devices furnished by millions of taxpayers doesn't leave much room for individuality.

Starting where Aldrin's own experience left off, Encounter with Tiber is projected history of the rest of the colossal cybernetic enterprise: to send a parcel of human beings to another

Despite what our detractors believe, science-fiction writters don't generally go into The secrets of internal and internal The secrets of interstellar flight may all be here, in a box on the Moon, with a back-up on Mars: if they have sur-

vived; if we can get at them.

This is a genial, good-hearted book meant for people fascinated in knowing how things might work, rather than how they might feel.

There is a bit more vitality to the two long excerpts from the Tiberians' story of their perilous initial voyage to Earth, 9,000 years ago (which it is tempting to think might be mainly the work of Aldrin's collaborator, the sci-fi author John Barnes). Tiberians come in two different shapes, evolu-tionarily and culturally divergent, although their mentality is perfectly familiar. Capable of being not merely dutiful and courageous but also ambivalent, arrogant and cruel, these aliens seem more human, in fact, than most of the humans, and certainly less alien than Communism, which remains, at all times and on all plan-

ets, really scary. About as alien to Nasa as you can et is the Culture invented by Iain M Banks. An interstellar confederacy thousands of years old, it exists to provide perpetual pleasure, individ-ual self-fulfilment and freedom from a parcel of human beings to another suffering for all. Its resources are infi-sum. A radio signal received from nite, its capability hardly less so.

### BOOK REVIEW EXCESSION

Iain Banks Little, Brown £15.99 **ENCOUNTER WITH TIBER Buzz Aldrin** 

and John Barnes

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Nanotechnology, antigravity, matter transmission, bodily transformation and travel through several different types of hyperspace are all freely and instantly available to any of its inhabitants, many of whom live on the gigantic starships, or General Systems Vehicles, whose artificial intelligences are the prime movers of the civilisa-tion, and the principal characters of Banks's latest novel.

Not a whit constrained by the bag-gage restrictions that Aldrin and Barnes observe, when Banks ships into space he always takes vast quan-tities of the boldest and most elaborate fantasies of militarism, espionage, romance and baroque technology. Like its predecessors, Excession is about the edge of the Culture, where it rubs up against other galactic tendencies, and where, in the

name of the laid-back utopia, the Spe-cial Circumstances department of its diplomatic arm routinely and clandestinely betrays all its principles.

There are two major outside forces this time. One is the eponymous Excession, an immense featureless sphere which pops into existence in a well-charted region of space and simply hangs there, impervious to inquiry, defying laws of physics that even the Culture finds itself obliged to observe. The other is the Affront, a marvellously horrible species of technically advanced bloodthirsty tentacled gaspags whose manifest destiny it is to hunt, shoot, gobble and rape their

merry way from world to world.

Once again reluctant agents are peremptorily shoe-horned out of comfortable circumstances, called away from wildly enjoyable parties by secretive automata, to be dispatched on equivocal missions to secure the co-operation of other individuals more thoroughly retired from the dirty fray. Needless to say, in Banks as in Le Carré, the mission profiles serve only to conceal what's really

Banks's staggering imaginative energy is matched only by his wry, sceptical humour, his insistence on isolating the political and moral infrastructure of the most bizarre situation. Though he plots with more

energy than precision, piling con-spiracy upon conspiracy, he never loses sight of the quantum of history that is individual choice. He makes no apology for the fact that his Culturi-ans still prefer the basic human form. Able to back themselves up in data storage, to change sex and to secrete drugs internally at will, they remain perfectly liable to feel and say: "I

could use a drink." Memorable scenes include an Affront regimental dinner, eaten with harpoons on the edge of a pit of fighting animals; and a fateful encounter in a city designed to resemble a gigantic circuitboard, caused by a traffic accident outside the temple of a transcendental cult, involving a dinosaur and a light two-wheeled carriage

drawn by a quasi-ostrich and driven by a quasi-chimpanzee, during a hologram enactment of an exaggerated version of a Second World War bombing raid. Only Banks could possibly dream up such a scene and make it funny, frightening, mystifying, excit-ing, and credible, let alone compre-hensible. As with the work of any pow-erful moral visionary, Philip K Dick or Charles Dickens, to wish such a scene might be fastened more securely to the plot seems the height

something that evokes an absolute, a

generally accepted level of seriousness

that cannot be improved upon. All

swear words are, in this sense, sacred.

Of course, this sacredness is abused. Routinely we hear conversations in which every other word is "fuck". The

word, to the user, has become little

more than punctuation. But this does

not necessarily mean it has lost its force

in the world, it merely means that the

speaker is illiterate. He either never

had or has lost the power to express

himself in language that has become little more than a single, monotonous

gesture. There are many such people and determined realists may well feel

they should be portrayed on television. Perhaps they should, but it should be

clear that a person who casually uses

fuck" all the time is suffering from a

form of degeneration as serious as the

person who uses "nigger"

All of which is to say that words, like

everything else, are laden with values.

Specific contexts may change, but the

Swearing is one small

nguage will always find ways of evaluating the world. Swear words are

**COLIN GREENLAND** 

### Has Liberty finally lost the thread?

Tamsin Blanchard on the decline of our favourite fabric emporium

t is ironic that in the cente-nary year of William Mor-ris, the man who aimed to improve the nation's taste by giving ordinary people the chance to buy and make beau-tiful things, the 20 regional Liberty shops that are scat-tered from Brighton to Glasgow are to close. Morris's Arts and Crafts movement lives on in the printed fabric rolls that form the backbone of the regional Liberty business, but ordinary people from ordinary places around the country are now to be deprived of one of the few affordable legacies of the Arts and Crafts aesthetic.

As a result of pre-tax profits for 1995 falling from £3.6m to £2.1m, the bastion of twee English heritage fabrics is to close all of its regional shops. Instead, Liberty's out-of-London outlets are to relocate to airport shopping forecourts, alongside the other tourist merchandise from Harrods and Wedgwood.

Liberty first opened its doors in 1875 and the original store in Regent Street still thrives with tourists flocking into the mock-Tudot wooden interior. The out-of-town shops are not as cosmopolitan in outlook as the London store, with its designer floors for men and women stocking one of the most extensive selections of contemporary clothing in the country. Instead, they concentrate on fabrics. crafts and the accoutrements of dressmaking. And therein lies the problem: interest in dressmaking is declining.

Nora Doerfel teaches dressmaking at the Hampstead Garden Suburb Institute. There are five classes each week, but numbers attending are drop-ping. "Around five to eight years ago, we had people on a waiting list to come to classes, she says. Class numbers have gone from 20 at their peak to 15 at most, and the average age is over 40. Mrs Doerfel has noticed general stock in fabric departments being reduced, but she is a particular fan of Liberty when it comes to buying special fabrics unavailable anywhere else. "It's awful that Liberty is closing its regional shops," she says. Her senti-ments will be echoed wholeheartedly by fellow home dress- be a decade or two past their

Mrs Doerfel blames the waning numbers in her classes on the availability of relatively inexpensive clothing in the high Spencer and Next. Women and her pupils are almost exclusively female – also have less time on their hands to spend making clothes for themselves or their families. The first out-of-town Liberty

opened in King Street in Man-chester in 1955. Over 40 years later, the loss of Liberty on the high street in towns such as Chester and Bath represents more than just a decline in dressmaking. The familiar purple sign has become as much a part of the heart of those places as the Roman ruins in Chester. the Pavilion in Brighton, or the Spa at Bath. Shoppers, who might have never even walked through the doors of their local branch, will mourn it when it closes, to be replaced by another branch of Oasis, or a craft shop filled with New Age papier-mache, seemed candles

and aromatherapy oils. Belinda Morris is a fashion writer and stylist who lives near

The bastion of twee English heritage

fabrics is to close all its regional shops

Norwich. She visits Liberty whenever she is in the city, and sees its closure as a sad loss. "It isn't just tourists who shop there," she says. "It's more the local people who will miss it. In a place like Norwich or York. Liberty is so in keeping with the ambience of the place. It raises the tone of the street and makes you feel very nervous about what might replace it."

Ian Thompson, chief executive at Liberty, says: "It's not a decision that was taken lightly. It is extremely sad, particularly for our staff." But the shops were losing money. There is no way that a shop space measuring 900 square feet in Bath could replicate the diversity of merchandise in 100,000 square feet in Regent Street.

Liberty in London is more than a tourist attraction, selling printed silk squares to anyone that has room in their suitcase to take back home as a present or souvenir. As well as the floral prints and Art Nouveau furnishing fabric designs that may date the retained the spirit of Liberty in the 1890s by featuring contemporary designs. The out-of-town shops have been laid to rest far street at shops like Marks & too readily. Why not give the provincial customer the opportunity to share William Morris's vision by bringing modern-day products to ordinary people?

# Don't abuse swearing

ne of the many highlights of the exciting Sixties was Kenneth Tynan saying "fuck" on television. Opinion instantly polarised along entirely predictable lines. There were those who thought this was an outrage, such words should be absolutely forbidden. And there were those who took this to be a liberating moment when truth and freedom leapt across the barrier of hypocrisy and inhibition.

Now after the 9pm "watershed" you can hear the word nightly. In the name of realism and freedom of expression broadcasters have decided that what is heard on the street and in cinemas should also be heard on television. The Broadcasting Standards Council has drawn attention to this and

pointed out that a large number of people are still offended by such usage. "Viewers", says Lady Howe, the puncil's chairman, "find bad lanuage, particularly pre-watershed, hard to justify."

Meanwhile, the actor Martin Chunes, star of the superb sitcom Men



*Behaving Badl*y, has said that standards are changing so quickly that within 10 years "fuck" will be heard on children's television. "It is", he says, "only a word." Well, words are the most important

hings in the known universe. They, uniquely, distinguish the accumulations of matter we call people from all other accumulations. Blithely saying something is "only a word" could amount to the most savage nihilism. But one sees what Clunes intends - to say. This is just one word among the thousands that flow from and through

us every day. Why should we focus our anxieties on that particular syllable? I his raises the more fundamental questions: what is swearing, and is it necessary? My own answer to that is:
swearing is essential. And that is pre-

cisely why Clunes is wrong and the ewers and Broadcasting Standards
Council are right to be alarmed.
There are two types of swearing.
The first refers to physical functions, generally sexual, and the second uses sacred words - God, Jesus, Christ, hell - in inappropriate contexts. For many people the second category hardly registers at all. They do not believe, so the words cannot be blasphemous as such. They persist merely as the mildest of

But for some, mainly older, people they can still be offensive. Television producers find this hard to appreciate. One estimate suggests that the numIn the row over expletives on TV, the prudes are right. If we swear too often, its therapeutic value is lost and the language is impoverished



ber of people in the BBC involved in programme production who are over 50 is no more than 1 or 2 per cent. The industry is, therefore, largely cut off from the sensibilities of a large indeed, growing - sector of their audience, from people for whom the words have a force and significance and who find it offensive that others care

nothing for their feelings.

The producers might reply that they are obliged to deal with the world as it is and that means a world in which blasphemy carries little weight. But that is crass. The language is full of ancient echoes and hierarchies. Even if the name "Jesus" means nothing to the speaker, it means much within the vast organism of language. Writers who are not aware of this are not being liberated, is a matter of respect for Christians.

they are being bad writers. Certainly they can use the words, but they should do so only with a sensitive awareness of their resonance.

And the more important point is that, even for younger people, a form of blas-phemy persists. Writers who might think nothing of using "Jesus" will almost certainly think twice about using "nigger", "poof" or "queer". We can be pretty sure that a character in a drama who uses "Jesus" is not being judged adversely by the usage, but if he says "nigger" we can be equally sure that he is intended to be seen as a bad man. The particular words may change, but there is always some form of forbidden language. Not using "nigger" except with care is a matter of respect for black peo-

Sexual swearing is less subject to change but its role in swearing is sim-ilar to that of religion. Sex, like religion, is important, private and tran-scendent. Unlike religion, however, most people still believe in it - indeed, they probably believe in it more than ever precisely because religion has lost its grip. Any newsstand or any night on television will demonstrate how central sex is to people's identities and aspirations. Everybody shares the feeling that their sexuality is inseparable from and co-extensive with

Sexual swear words, therefore, bear the same relationship to contemporary society that blasphemy did to an earlier age. They indicate a crisis that demands expression in strong language. And the strongest language is

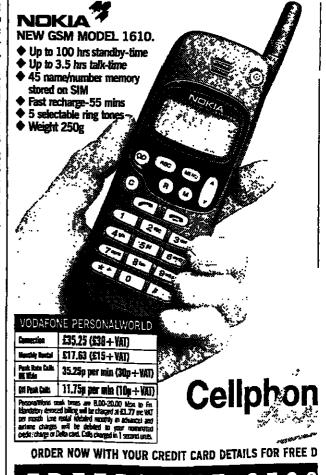
indicator that we are linked to other people, other sensibilities exaggerated expressions of crisis. They

indicate seriousness and urgency by evoking what is usually forbidden. But they also relativise the crisis. We may say "Jesus" or "fuck" when something bad happens, but, in doing so, we lower the temperature. Clearly whatever has gone wrong is not really as important as God or sex, so, by calling upon either, we reduce the status of the problem.

Swearing is, as I said, essential. I do it all the time. The air in this room is currently blue with the expletives I have uttered while writing this column and trying to ignore the ringing phone. But, if "fuck" and all the others were "only" words like any others, then this private, therapeutic act would not work. I would not feel that my cries bore enough weight to express my frustration. I would have to seek out another offensive vocabulary to preserve my equilibrium, such as it is.

But, whatever the vocabulary, it must be offensive. For swearing is one small indicator that we are connected to other people, other sensibilities. Swearing works because we are part of a society which, at some level, in some contexts, disapproves. The BSC is right to protest and Clunes is wrong to downgrade "fuck". For, if swearing becomes casual and meaningless, it stops being swearing. The language is impoverished. We become less, not

# You'll run out of before it runs out



### Children's tales of horror must be fully told A national inquiry is the only way to expose the enormity of child abuse in homes, says Roger Dobson

The silence over the unspeakable horrors of sexual and physical abuse inflicted on hundreds and quite possibly thousands of oung children in care has at last been broken. For years the scandal of homes that were infiltrated by paedophiles remained hidden by a cloak of secrecy. The victims kept quiet because of feelings of guilt instilled in them by their abusers, and the councils that carried out individual investigations kept their findings secret to avoid claims of compensation from victims. Throughout the 1970s and 1980s, the scale of the abuse remained hidden. Occasionally, when 080014 abusers were prosecuted and imprisoned, they were treated as rare cases, untypical of a

"decent"caring system. The first real evidence of abuse in children's homes emerged in the 1980s, with major inquiries into abuse at homes in Belfast, Staffordhire and Leicestershire.

Then, in 1990, claims of abuse in Clwyd and Gwynedd in North Wales surfaced and led to the biggest police investigation of its kind in Britain. More than 3,000 statements were taken and 300 cases were referred to the Crown Prosecution Service. The result? Just seven people were prosecuted. Subsequently, a team of childcare specialists, led by John Jillings, former director of social services in Derbyshire, were called in and spent two years investigating what went wrong

in Clwyd They hoped that their report would be published so that childcare workers could learn from what had gone so catastrophically wrong. In the event they hoped for too much. Clwyd decided not to publish the report and the 300-page document still lies on the desk of Welsh Secretary William Hague.

It paints a horrifying picture of vulnerable children being abused on a regular basis, of des-

perate youngsters running away only to be returned to their abusers. Worse are the deaths of 12 young men that have been linked to their time in care in Clwyd. And in other parts of the country, young people have died as a result of their appalling experiences in a care system that

More than 200 children are thought to have been abused in homes in Clwyd, another 300 in neighbouring Cheshire, and more than 40 are seeking compensation in Leicestershire. Many other claims are in the pipeline, despite the quest to keep the abuse inquiry reports secret.

While councillors and ministers sit on their secret reports the tragedy goes on: the lives of many of those who survived the years of abuse have been ruined. Others have been turned into abusers themselves. As one man convicted of abusing his daughter said, "It was the only skill they left me with."

Paedophiles were able to infiltrate the care system because professional social workers regarded residential home jobs as second class. Ironically, the worst offenders ran the most apparently efficient homes and were never bothered by outsiders. Children who dared to complain were ignored.

A copy of the secret Clwyd report has been seen by the Independent. It talks of the possibility of redophile rings, but so far the police have never been able to establish that such rings existed.

The scale of abuse, the deaths of so many young people, the ruined lives, and the suspicions of paedophile rings are all reasons why there has to be a national inquiry into what went on behind the doors of Britain's children's homes. And although the report may never see the light of day, at least now we can hope that the judicial inquiry may establish the failures that allowed such widespread abuse and expose the attempts to cover them up.

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# Channel 5 talks to cable firms about retuning project

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

Channel 5 Broadcasting is in advanced negotiations with UK cable operators over plans to retune millions of VCRs and settop boxes before the Channel 5 service is launched in January.

If the talks succeed, cable companies such as Telewest, Nynex CableComms and Bell Cablemedia will visit homes in two largest TV rental compa-

nel 5's behalf to retune equipment, and could take the opportunity to market their own pay-TV services to current and potential cable customers.

Channel 5 Broadcasting, a consortium of Pearson, United News & Media (formerly MAI) and CLT, the Luxembourgbased broadcaster, is also in negotiations with the country's

homes. Both companies would rary workers, to retune up to 4 million sets.

separate deal to train all retuners on behalf of Channel 5. The retuning exercise is viewed as one of the main obstacles to the success of the UK's last "free-to-air" TV chan-

their franchise areas on Channies, Granada and Thorn EMI, nel. As many as 10 million nel 5's behalf to retune equipto to cover rental equipment in homes in the UK will have to be visited, with about 5 million use their own staff, or tempo- likely to be affected by interference from the playback sig-nals of VCRs. Channel 5 Granada has also reached a originally planned to spend £30.8m to mount the operation. plus another £24.3m for marketing and administration, although TV rivals expect the amount could end up being far

dustry circles that the retuning project is already well behind schedule and under-financed. Rivals for the licence bid double the amount set aside by Channel 5 Broadcasting, and most promised more supervisors and at least as many retuners for home visits.

"Everyone believes this has started too late," said an ITV insider, whose company will be to build core advertisers.

It is widely believed in in-ustry circles that the retuning competing directly with Chan-nel 5. "There has to be some question about whether they meet their targets in time."

According to ITC requireents, at least 90 per cent of homes in affected areas must be retuned before the service is switched on in early 1997. Audience share will be crucial to the channel's early months on the air, when it will be seeking

to cable operators and the rentals companies if the subcontracting arrangements go ahead. According to sources close to the situation, cable operators want as much as £10 per household visited, while Channel 5 is offering far less.

Cable operators also differ over how many homes they want to cover. Some smaller

Channel 5 has yet to agree a companies have offered to price per household to be paid cover customer homes only. while others see the visits as a prime marketing opportunity. Channel 5 is still reserving the right to limit the amount of

"sub-contracting". It is concerned about security and cost. and may elect to oversee the entire retuning exercise itself. Channel 5 declined to comment on the talks with Thorn

and Granada.

New broom: Chief executive Bill Cockburn has swept away 1,100 jobs as he tries to draw a line under retail group's problems

### **Revamped** WH Smith left £200m in the red

Bill Cockburn, who only became chief executive of WH Smith in January, yesterday completed his sweeping overhaul of the struggling retail group that will see 1,100 job losses and exceptional charges of £285m.

The costs will push WH Smith about £200m into the red when it announces results in August, the first time in living memory that the 204-year-old company has recorded a loss.

The larger-than-expected costs amount to a "kitchen sinking" of the accounts and mark an attempt by the new management to draw a line under the group's recent

The group's most pressing concerns have centred on the core WH Smith chain, which has been struggling with low margins, stores cluttered with too many product lines, and increasing competition from the supermarket groups, which have stolen market share in newspapers, magazines, music

Mr Cockburn said the plan was to restore the group to its rightful place on the high street by the end of the decade. "We are looking for a step change within four years. It is not a habits of a lifetime. That kind of transformation takes time."

was the final part of a five-month review of the business by Mr Cockburn, who joined from the Post Office in January.

He has identified five divisions as core businesses. They are WH Smith retail, Virgin Our Price and Waterstones in the UK as well as the WH Smith stores in the US and The Wall, the 166-strong chain of music stores in the north-east-

The newspaper distribution business, WH Smith News, is regarded as non-core but will not be sold as it generates good profits. The company had already ceded its half of Do It All DIY chain to Boots, its joint venture partner in a deal that has involved £160m of exceptional charges, and sold its Business Supplies office stationery business for £142m. The remainder of the exceptional charges include £28m for stock write-offs and £23m for redundancies.

In the core WH Smith chain, the number of suppliers will be cut and the number of product lines reduced from 49,000 to 35,000 to free up space for new ranges. It will divide stores into four key areas: children's. entertainment, hobbies and leisure and Express.

This is a new venture that will sandwiches, drinks and other high-turnover items at special Yesterday's announcement tills. It is possible WH Smith Ex- will be closed. A smaller num- Securities said: "There is still a family-dominated management



Difficult chapter in 200-year history

1792 - WH Smith founded by Henry Walton Smith and his wife Anna as a newspaper vendor in London. The Smith family regarded as one of the pioneers of mass-

Becomes known as the obvious destination for newspapers, magazines,

1961 - Bans newly launched 'Private Eye'

magazine. Refuses to stock it until 1985.

**1964** – Becomes a public company with stock exchange listing. 1980s - Expands into specialist chains by Virgin Our Price, the music group. Starts Do It All DIY chain. Later merges with Boots' Payless DIY. Becomes known as WH Smug, due to its clubby, public school management and apparent feeling

1995 – Alarm belts, WH Smith issues first profits warning in 15 years, Blames falling high street traffic and shift away from high margin products. The supermarkets add to the pain, grabbing Smith's share of music, magazine and

1995-96 – Axe falls on management including chief executive Sir Malcolm Post Office, Undertakes radical review 1,100 job losses, £285m provisions.

the brand off. Everyone knows failed to adapt to more com-

and the supermarkets... The stuffy, insular nature of the family domination has not helped. While many of the family members have been removed from the highest offices. the Smith family still retains a dominant stake.

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petition from specialist chains

But most retail analysts be-Clive Vaughan of Verdict Research says: "I wouldn't write

it and everyone has shopped there. It has been a very good performer until the last 18 months. But they need to strip out some categories and deliver product authority on those they choose to concentrate on."

Nick Bubb of Mees Pierson agrees: "It is a brand people want to see and expect to see on the high street and in shopping the high street for WH Smith. ment] ought to be able to make a go of it.

### **Benefit** claims lowest in five years

DIANE COYLE Economics Editor

The number of people claiming unemployment benefit fell last month to its lowest level for five years, yet underlying growth in earnings was unchanged in April. The only evidence to cast a shadow over benign jobs market figures vesterday was a decline in employment in the first few months of the year, especially in manufacturing.

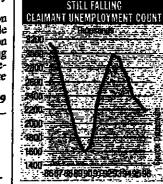
Michael Meacher, Labour's

shadow employment minister, attacked the Government's record on unemployment. "Job insecurity is rife and the

outlook for manufacturing industry is bleak. Job creation in Tory Britain is a part-time phenomenon. It is now highly unlikely unemployment will continue to fall at its present rate for very much longer." Labour called for planned

government spending of £240m on small and medium businesses, due to be announced alongside today's competitiveness White Paper, to be spent directly on job creation.

However, employment minister Eric Forth welcomed last month's fall of 14,800 in the claimant count: "Few people are between jobs for very long." The number claiming benefit fell to 2,167,600 or 7.7 per cent of the workforce. Jobless ness has fallen by an average of 13,000 a month for the past six



### Granada reveals timetable for disposals

eparate chain.

A further 80 Virgin Megas-

tores will be opened in the

next three years while 70 of the

less profitable stores will be

closed, reducing the total to just under 200. About 26 new

branches of Waterstones will be

Of the 1,100 job losses, 300

a further

109 at the London headquarters all the right noises

will go at the retail headquar-

behind Sloane Square, which

added to the existing 100.

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

Granada has given itself 15 months to sell £1.5bn worth of fil our expectations for in-unwanted assets inherited from creased profit," Mr Robinson its £3.9bn takeover of Forte. Gerry Robinson, Granada's chairman, said yesterday.

The disposal programme, which includes £1bn worth of Exclusive hotels, a stake in the Savoy Group, and about £300m for the Welcome motorway service stations, would bring gearing down to about 100 per cent from the currently high 389 per Charles Allen, chief execu-

tive, said the disposal timetable had been received positively by shareholders. "They share our confidence and frankly are quite comfortable," he said, unveiling Granada's first set of interim figures since the Forte victory. Pre-tax profits were up a

solid 19 per cent to £183m. on turnover ahead 35 per cent to £1.5bn. All main operating units, including media, rentals and the restaurants business, showed gains, fuelled by tighter margins and early benefits from

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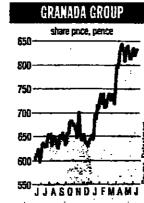
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the bringing together of the Granada and Forte assets. strength of the Little Chef acquisition from Forte. a new Forte is showing us very

clearly that it can and will fulsaid. During the acrimonious takeover battle, Granada promised to increase the profitability of Forte by £100m a year, and Mr Robinson claimed the company was already on Restaurants and services saw

profit growth of 46 per cent to £62.3m year-on-year, on the



Source: FT Information

menu with higher charges and the introduction of new formats at roadside and motorway service areas. Spending per head has risen by about 7 per cent since the new menu was introduced in late April.

Catering services saw growth in turnover of about 14 per cent, as profits climbed 27 per cent to £26m. The rentals division managed paltry growth of about 5 per cent, underscoring the lacklustre nature of what is a declining business in the UK.

On the disposal programme. Mr Allen said the 68 per cent stake in the Savoy would be sold in co-operation with management". A Granada insider suggested a sale could be several months away. A 25 per cent stake in the Alpha airport catering services operations could be sold within a few weeks, however, to a trade buyer interested in mounting a bid for the entire company.

City interest has been directed toward the Welcome Break motorway services, which could generate as much as Gerry Robinson: On track to £300m. The operations had increase Forte profitability

been provisionally sold to Whit- in December. "We are of course bread, the beer and catering giant, during the takeover battle. Granada is currently in talks with Whitbread that could lead to a deal, but both sides caution it could take some time.

London site. The remainder of

the job losses were announced

earlier this year. They include

580 at the news distribution di-

vision and 140 at the main re-

changed at 484p, analysts were divided on the plans. Nick Bubb

of broker Mees Pierson said the

"jury is out" on the initiatives

John Richards of NatWest

As the shares remained un-

tail business.

press could be rolled out as a ber will relocate to a cheaper

Granada is seeking legal advice on whether it can overturn a "lock-out" clause in the provisional deal between Whitbread and Forte, which gave Whitbread a share in any profits above an agreed figure in the event the sites were sold to a third party. That clause runs out



Gerry Robinson: On track to

open to a deal before then," a Granada source said. "But if nothing happens by December, I think we might be able to gen-erate further interest from

lot of work to be done on the

core retailing operations."
WH Smith's current diffi-

culties - which started with a

profits warning last May - mark

a low point in the group's his-

tory. It remains one of Britain's

best known high street names

along with Marks & Spencer

and Boots. For many it is still

one of the most trustworthy

names for children's educa-

But it has stumbled as the

selection of magazines.

other buyers." The group of 17 Exclusive hotels will probably go to four or five buyers, the company said. Sales memoranda have been sent to 75 applicants who have pre-qualified. They will be invited to look at confidential in-

formation prior to an auction. Up for grabs are hotels such as the Grosvenor House in London, which had profits in the most recent financial year of about £20m, and could sell for as much as £300m.

Granada intends to keep the Meridien hotels, although a sale later has not been ruled out. The rest of the Forte hotels, principally the Posthouse, Crest. Heritage and Travelodge prop-crties will be kept. Granada is currently rebranding the hotels, and has set up three main divi-sions - international, UK provincial and London. Mr Allen said the London properties were being marketed "almost as a single hotel," allowing joint promotion.

### Sainsbury's pays out £900,000 to Quarmby

PATRICK TOOHER

David Quarmby, the former joint managing director of su-permarket giant Sainsbury's, pocketed almost £900,000 for loss of office while retaining his right to lucrative share options. according to the company's annual report. Sainsbury's is also scrapping its performancerelated bonus scheme for a long-

term incentive plan. The news came as Sainsbury's announced that the launch of its first national supermarket loyalty day. Called Reward, it is Sainsbury's belated attempt to win back customers from rivals such as Tesco, whose Clubcard now has 8.5 million members.

Mr Quarmby, who was on a two-year rolling contract, quit in March rather than take on a new role as managing director of group services following a radical management shake-up designed to revive Sainsbury's sagging profits and falling He received £336,000 for loss

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of office and £556,000 in lieu of ension. Mr Quarmby is also being allowed to keep options on 396,000 shares with an average exercise price of 357p - worth more than £166,000 at yesterday's closing price of 399p.

Prior to the boardroom reshuffle. Mr Quarmby was number three in the Sainsbury's hierarchy behind chairman David Sainsbury and deputy chairman Tom Vyner. Sainsbury's announcement in

January saw Mr Vyner become chief executive of the core UK supermarkets business while Dino Adriano, head of the Homebase DIY subsidiary, was made chief executive designate, effectively marginalising Mr Quarmby's role.

Directors are forgoing their bonuses after Sainsbury's pre-tax profits fell 12 per cent to £712m in the year to March.

months. The decline last month was spread across all regions except East Anglia, where there

was no change. Yet the underlying growth of earnings remained unchanged at 3.75 per cent in April, even though actual earnings growth rose to 4 per cent and was also revised up to 4 per cent in March. Underlying pay growth fell to 4 per cent in manufacturing in April. But it was revised up to 3.5 per cent in services in February and March and remained there in April.

City economists drew comfort from the fact that the overall figure was unchanged. Jonathan Loynes from HSBC Markets said: "Recent evidence of falling pay settlements bodes well for earnings." Some, however, thought a further pick-up in pay in service industries could take the headline figure higher in coming months.

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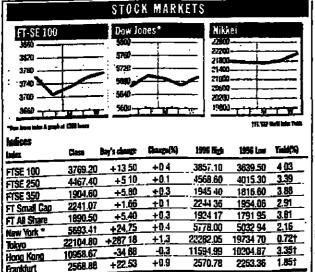
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industry is enjoying its best year since 1993, when 100 London employees of Goldman Sachs took home \$1m apiece or more. And

if that were not enough to send salaries soaring, there are also some aggressive new players in the market place, most notably Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, prepared to pay apparently silly money for sometimes quite mediocre talent. In combination, the two factors make a highly potent cocktail. bankers are prepared

Nor is this a phenomenon confined to the star traders and analysis of the premier league. The first and second divisions are doing pretty nicely out of it too, thank you very much. Salaries across a wide spread of posts and companies are achieving unprecedented levels. Less than 150,000 people in Britain earn £100,000 a year or more; getting on force but of the state of th ting on for a half of these people may be in

financial services of one form or another. The rights and wrongs of this are one thing. Some will see it as a symptom of everything that's wrong with Britain, while others will view it as an example of British success. But whatever you think, it certainly ill becomes investment banks to complain about poaching and spiralling salaries, as increasingly their senior executives do. For a start it's pure hypocrisy. Most of the critics continue to be guilty of "name your price" poaching tactics when it comes to the superstars.

Investment banks are in any case pure money-making machines. The best of them

drawer client list, but essentially it is still the traders, salesmen and analysis that make it happen. If the salaries are silly, it is because the margins and returns are silly too. Plainly it makes sense to poach, say, the top rated telecoms analyst at some insane salary if by doing so it helps win a major international telecoms privatisation issue which pays an insane fee. The problem lies not so much with what investment bankers are prepared to pay as with what their clients are pre-

pared to pay them. As for the proprietary trading operations, where the really big bucks are made, it's a free country and there's a going rate for the job. In a bumper year like this one, it's bound to be high. Deutsche Morgan Grenfell will no doubt live to rue the day it saddled itself with the very high fixed-cost salary structure it is presently building up. Many of the new recruits coming in at double their previous salaries are not stars at all; they belong to the marzipan layer of City traders and analysts. But then if it all goes wrong, that's Deutsche Bank's lookout

### Granada's day of reckoning will come

It is far too early to spoil Gerry Robinson's jolly party at Granada. He won his battle for Forte and has just unveiled sparkling re-

No doubt about it, City salaries are once again a "phenomenon". The securities as much capital as they need, and a top-industry is enjoying the city as much capital as they need, and a top-industry is enjoying the city as much capital as they need, and a top-industry is enjoying the city as much capital as they need, and a top-industry is enjoying the city as much capital as they need, and a top-industry is enjoying the city as much capital as they need, and a top-industry is enjoying the city as much capital as they need, and a top-industry is enjoying the city as much capital as they need, and a top-industry is enjoying the city as much capital as they need, and a top-industry is enjoying the city and causing even some of his fiercest opportunities. nents to grant he got the takeover bid right. Certainly that is what the share price says.

Double your money, the City poachers are back

Even Mr Robinson's relaxed attitude toward disposals (when the time is right and not before; we shall not be rushed) is gaining him extra points, despite gearing at the end of the March of a whopping 389 per cent. The City is convinced he can get the £1.5bn promised without too much trouble through the sale of the Exclusives, the Savoy stake, Alpha and the Welcome Break service stations. That, along with Granada's hefty share of glittering satellite broad-caster BSkyB, will bring gearing down to about 100 per cent by next September. At that point, the cash being thrown off will be so excess to immediate needs that people will again be asking what Gerry is going to do

with all that money. But at that point a different chorus of criticism is likely to be heard. It becomes increasingly obvious to everyone - even Mr Robinson and his trusted chief executive, Charles Allen - that Granada as presently constituted simply does not make sense. What on earth do media, rentals, hotels and catering all have to do with each other? At the very least, the rentals operations should be spun off. It is in any case the slowest growing of the Granada businesses, despite all the cash it generates. TV rental will never achieve the rating afforded to media (still growing now that Granada has launched into

satellite TV) or even the hotels and restaurants, which after the Granada treatment

should begin to yield a reasonable return. With Thorn EMI showing the way this summer, by spinning off its rentals division. Granada will soon be under pressure to do the same thing. That would leave a more logical company, and could even give Messrs Robinson and Allen some room to contemplate their next major acquisition. Who knows, if Pearson is still its old, unreconstructed self this time next year, maybe

Granada could pounce there. Until then, let the Granada team work its nagic. Mr Robinson deserves some time to make sense of Forte. But the day of reckoning cannot be put off forever.

### Still a long haul for WH Smith

he old timers at WH Smith must be won-A dering what's hit them. There they were chugging along happily, as they have done for the past couple of centuries. Smith's, they thought, was a law unto itself, an impregnable fortress that could withstand the worst its piffling competitors could throw at it. Management were schooled in the Smith's tradition. That usually meant a stint at Eton and the Guards before going into what was still

a family business. But how an empire has crumbled. The game has been up since the profit warning

last May, when the company finally admit-ted that its core WH Smith chain was behaving less like a fortress and more like a house of cards. Customer traffic was down, sales of higher-margin goods were falling and the supermarkets were rolling their tanks onto the Smith's lawn by selling books, magazines and videos.

Since then the company has had to wake up fast. A new chief executive was brought in from the Post Office to replace Sir Malcolm Field. Bill Cockburn, a bustling Scot who knows a thing or two about under-achieving corporate cultures, has wasted no time shaking Smith's management by their old school ties. Two businesses sold, over 1,000 job losses and a lorryload of provisions will mean an undignified dive into the red

this year. Mr Cockburn should be given credit for a bold set of manocuvres. But while his relinquishing of Do It All and the plans to grow Waterstones and Our Price are welcome, these are mere sideshows. What really matters its the main WH Smith chain. Plans to reduce supplier numbers and cut product lines are all very well but the key question is whether Mr Cockburn can re-establish the

Besieged on all sides and with far lower margins than successful high street names such as Boots and Marks & Spencer, it's oing to be at best a long haul. At worst, WH Smith will continue to decline, regardless of

# Clarke rejects 'Pot Noodle' model of economic growth

DIANE COYLE **Economics Editor** 

The Chancellor of the Exchequer used his annual Mansion House speech in the City of London last night to deny that he was trying to create a preelection boom.

The economy is not like a Pot Noodle - just add hot water and stir," he said. "Creating healthy sustainable growth is a painstaking process.

The economy would be in good shape when the Prime Minister decided to call the election because the Government Mr Clarke tried to hose down

backbench hopes for big tax cuts in the Budget. "To think that the electorate could be bribed by third year in which inflation had been lower than growth. "It is a remarkable perforpremature tax cuts is an insult to the intelligence of the British people," he said.

He also repeated his promise that he would raise interest rates if there was a real risk of missing the inflation target.

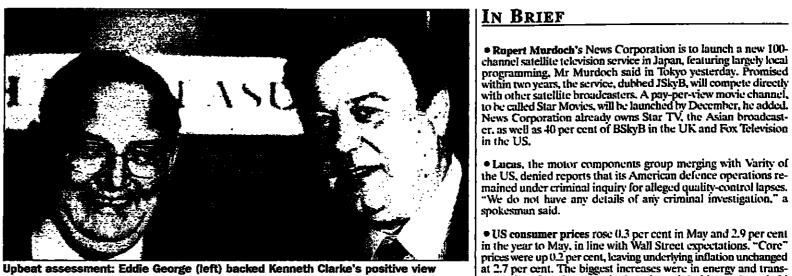
The Chancellor delivered a characteristically optimistic view of the economy, speaking of a "flexible, open, dynamic

His upbeat assessment was backed by Eddie George, Gov-ernor of the Bank of England. Mr George said he hoped that after data for last year were revised it would turn out to be the

mance by our own past stan-dards," Mr George said.

Although playing down the importance of precise forecasts of the economy, a few weeks before the Treasury is due to downgrade its forecast for growth ths year, Mr Clarke said demand would continue to strengthen during the course of

the year. Mr Clarke also stressed the need for Britain to play an active role in the European Union. He said: "Economic strength will give us the ability to be powerful and influential members of the European be balanced in the medium



Upbeat assessment: Eddie George (left) backed Kenneth Clarke's positive view

Union, helping to shape the po-litical rules and the very nature of the Single Market as it develops and enlarges."

The Chancellor reaffirmed his commitment to the existing framework of economic policy. He was sticking to his targets of a basic income tax rate of 20p and the eventual abolition of inheritance and capital gains tax. The government budget would

term, with public spending

The Government also remained committed to its 2.5 per cent target for underlying in-flation. Mr Clarke said: "If I judge that there is scope for further interest rate cuts, consistent with my inflation objective, I will make further cuts.

"And I will not hesitate to put up interest rates if, as the econ-

omy strengthens, the economfalling below 40 per cent of ic data indicate that there is a real risk that I will not meet my real risk that I will not meet my inflation target.

Mr George defended the Bank of England against charges that it wanted to run a deflationary policy. Making interest rate decisions was not an exact science, he said, in a reference to speculation that he and Mr Clarke disagreed about the recent base rate cut.

Colonial Investment Trust

 British Aerospace said its dynamics division and a consortium of European companies have submitted a bid to supply air-to-air missiles for the RAF's new combat aircraft, Eurofighter 2000. Other companies in the consortium include GEC Marconi Radar Defence Systems, Matra Defense, Alenia, Saab and LFK. FG Wilson (Engineering), which has been acquired by Cater-

port prices. Low increases in the prices of clothing and cars held

Next. the high street retailing chain, has regained its place in the FT-SE 100 share index after an eight-year absence. This marks

the latest stage in the company's revival from almost total obliv-

ion in early 1991 when Next's share price collapsed to just 7p.

The shares now trade at 556p, valuing the company at more than £2bn. Next just pipped the recently floated Railtrack for a place

in the index. United News & Media and Orange will also be in-

cluded in the FT-SE 100 index from 24 June. The three compa-

nics dropping out are Greenalls Group, Rexam and Foreign &

pillar Inc, said it expects to create 1.533 new jobs as a result of a £113m, five-year investment programme in Northern Ireland. The company said the jobs would be created at five sites in Larne, County Antrim, Belfast and Monkstown. The plants, partfunded by £36.4m in grants from the Industrial Development Board, will make diesel-powered generators.

 National Westminster Bank has reached a preliminary agreement to sell to Banco Sabadell about 80 per cent of its retail and commercial bank in Spain, Banco NatWest Espana. Terms of the deal were not disclosed. Banco Sabadell will acquire both BNWE, which will operate under a new name, and its regional subsidiary in north-west Spain, Banco de Asturias. BNWE has more than 1,300 employees, and operates 200 branches in Spain.

### Andersen considers hiving off consulting arm

ROGER TRAPP

Arthur Andersen is carrying out a radical review of its operations that may lead to the hiving off of Andersen Consulting, the fast-growing consultancy that last year had \$4bn (£2.6bn) in fee income.

The development comes as General Motors is about to enues by 24 per cent last year, spin off EDS, the information has, like EDS, grown rapidly in technology outsourcing busi- recent years on the back of the ness that was founded by Ross

Perot, amid speculation that fer responsibility for IT and initiative to look at long-term services to large public and private-sector organisations re-quires greater capital investment than is available to

private partnerships. Andersen Consulting, which increased its world-wide revtrend for companies to trans-

winning long-term deals to other non-core activities to options, under which a small supply computer and finance specialist suppliers. Andersen recently agreed

an extensive deal with the Sears retail group and earlier this week announced a 10-year contract to carry out the finance functions for Exel Logistics, part of NFC. A spokesman said that the

global firm, known as the Arthur Andersen Worldwide Organisation, had launched an the main accounting firm and stands on its own within the

to go away and "think as radically as they like". Separating the two operations would probably be one issue under discussion, though nothing had been decided yet. The group would report to all the partners

later in the year. Tensions over the profit-

the consulting business and the confusion created by the accounting firm's increasing moves into consultancy are thought to be behind pressure for a split, according to today's

the review could recommend a

last year billed \$8.1bn, while Arthur Andersen comprises the main accounting business, plus the Binder Hamlyn accountancy firm acquired last year and Accountancy Age. various law firms, inclu-However, rivals believe that Britain, Garrett & Co. various law firms, including, in "The trend is to offer a

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closer relationship between the various parts of the Chicago out of kilter with that to have based organisation. At the mo- one consulting arm and another sharing arrangements between ment, Andersen Consulting part also doing consulting.

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adventure was cracked by the reality of divorce and the spectre of a 25 year old murder mystery. Now they gather together to solve one final mystery: how the girls they were at 12 could have become the women they are now.

From Dusk Till Dawn (certificate 18), tells the story of the notorious Gecko Brothers (George Clooney & Quentin Tarantino), two of America's most dangerous criminals, on

the run from the Texas police and the FBI after a crime spree through the South-west. Also starring are Harvey Keitel and Juliette Lewis.

In Muppet Treasure Island (cer-tificate U), the Muppets are back and ready to cast off and set sail on their zaniest adventure ever, as they encounter pirates, buried treasure and some angry warthogs, in Walt Disney Pictures' all-new, liveaction, musical feature.

Spy Hard (certificate PG), stars Leslie Nielsen as Agent WD-40, a.k.a. Steele -- Dick Steele in a comedy of high-voltage adventure, high-tech gadgetry and lowbrow humour.

In Toy Story (certificate PG), six year old Andy's toys have a life of their own when left alone. Led by Andy's favourite toy Woody, the fearless pull-string cowboy doll, the toys live a quiet life of dedication to their master. All this is thrown into jeopardy on Andy's birthday, the most dreaded day in the life of a toy, when the fear of being replaced by another toy can become a reality.

Up Close And Personal (certificate 15) stars Michelle Pfeiffer as Tally Arwater, a articulate, sophisticated and charming newscaster. She is a familiar and comforting face to millions of network TV news viewers. Going from small-town weathergirl to prime-time network anchor she was aided and abetted by Warren Justice (Robert Redford) a brilliant older newsman, her mentor and lover. Their romance is intense and exhilarating yet each breaking story threatens to drive them apart.

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# British Land banks on Broadgate

British Land was feeling understand-ably pleased with itself yesterday. The Jeremiahs were lining up last year to warn about the acquisitive property group's wisdom in paying £120m for the half of the prestigious Broadgate development in the heart of the City of London that it did not already own.

Their main concern was the adverse impact Broadgate might have on the group's balance sheet. In taking on Broadgate's £800m of debt, British Land's gearing was forecast to reach 135 per cent, prompting fears that asset sales and debt refinancing would be needed to pay the onerous interest bill and keep both the dividend covered and shareholders happy.

With hindsight, the timing of that deal - at a low point in the interest rate cycle - looks good. Thanks to new bank facilities, some 83 per cent of debt is fixed, mainly for terms of at least five years at under 8 per cent. British Land also raised £223m in a share placing last November to fund the purchase of seven Tesco superstores and three Scottish retail parks. All told, British Land has raised or renegotiated £1.5bn in new money since September 1994.

The net result was to limit net debt at the March year-end to 115 per cent of shareholders' funds. True, interest and dividend cover remain thin. A £138m interest bill made a sizeable dent in operating profits of £204m last year, while earnings per share a third higher at 11.9p were just 1.4 times the dividend total of 8.55p, up from 8.12p before. However, these ratios still compare favourably with many elsewhere in the sector. And the period of hectic corporate activity has left British Land in a strong strategic position. Some 89 per cent of its portfolio has been acquired in the last seven-and-ahalf years, limiting exposure to obso-lete properties, while about a fifth of rents have built-in rises guaranteed. British Land is also highly geared to

any recovery in the property market. Net assets per share increased to 426p from 417p last year, but the company calculates that every 10 per cent rise in the value of its property portfolio translates into growth of over 100p in

net asset value per share. Broadgate, which is fully let to a blue chip tenant list of leading international banks, now makes up about a quarter of the revalued property portfolio, which rose by £84m to £4.4bn, while City of London sites, including the Ludgate development, equal 40 per cent of assets.

Sticking to Britain and Ireland also seems to make sense given the difficulties of managing properties overseas, especially in the US.

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flect the growth prospects and are nudging the revised net asset value fig-ure. But the premium rating is deserved. Hold.

### Meyer heads out of the woods

Meyer International is at last showing signs of emerging from the gloom in which nearly all its operations have been immersed since early last year. Last year's 15 per cent plunge in timber prices, which caused so much pain in the forest products timber importing business, seems to have bottomed out since April. Meanwhile, decisive management action is successfully starting to address the impact of a still dull housebuilding market on the main builder's merchants chain.

Yesterday's figures, however, show how scrious the damage has already been. Pre-tax profits crashed from £51.6m to just £1.1m in the year to March. Stripping out an unexpected tax utive, has firmly ruled that out.

Net assets per share (pence)

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The shares, up 13p to 420p, fully recredit, exceptional costs came in at a higher than expected £37.3m, and even before those charges, underlying profits from continuing operations slid 26 per cent to £44.4m.

With luck, the worst should be over. The sale of timber and merchanting operations in the US and Germany will eliminate losses totalling around £2m.

More importantly, the £22.3m investment programme to revamp the
Jewsons chain of UK merchants is showing benefits. Excluding the cost of axing 500 jobs last year, margins grew

from 5 to 5.9 per cent. Next year could see the virtuous circle of Jewson winning back some of its lost market share while boosting margins to approaching the 7.5 per cent enjoyed by Travis Perkins, the industry pacesetter.

Sentiment should be improved by

yesterday's appointment as chief operating officer of Alan Peterson, who joined the board a year ago from BTR's Rockware glass business. It would be better still if Meyer sold the volatile forest products business, which saw its profits slump from £23.4m to £13.8m last year, but John Dobby, chief exec-

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Hopes that a rival like Wolseley or Harrisons & Crosfield might do the job for him explain the recent run-up in Meyer's shares. But a bidder might have difficulty extracting more value than existing management, while the the market could still turn down again.

Profits rising from, say, £45m this year to close to £60m next would put the shares, down 4p at 411p, on a forward multiple of around 14. Hold.

### Bio babes board cash bandwagon

Two more biotechnology companies jumped on the cash-raising bandwagon yesterday. Cantab Pharmaceuticals' call for £25.7m in a placing was merely confirmation of an announcement if made last month. The deal will help finance further development of Cantab's novel cancer and infectious disease therapy based on stimulating the sufferer's own immune system. Given that the group is using cash at the rate of around £8.5m a year. the new money, coming on top of £8.6m in the bank, should see it through to its first product being launched on the market at the end of the century.

A more interesting move was yes-terday's decision by Celltech to sell its Biologics drug manufacturing business to Alusuisse-Lonza of Switzerland in a £77m deal. The disposal will leave Celltech with one of the strongest balance sheets in the sector, clearing out most of the group's borrowings and eventually bringing in £50m in cash, to add to £20m already in the bank. But it has left analysts puzzled. Celltech always looked a low-risk bet

on biotechnology, partly because drug manufacturing provided a more secure revenue stream. Unlike other biotechnology "businesses" Biologics was profitable, turning in £2.1m last year on sales of £18.1m.

Celltech is turning that logic on its head, saying the drug manufacturing side is in fact entering a period of much higher risk. The company claims to have been flagging its intention to dis-pose of the business for about a year, but the question must be what it does with the money. Research and development spending is unlikely to rise much above last year's £17m and Cell-tech could move into modest profit by 1998 as drug revenues of over £60m start to roll in. Despite yesterday's 37p jump in the shares to 645p, potential investors should exercise caution until the strategy becomes clearer, lest it decides on a spending spree.

### The birthday bash that never got to market

CITY DIARY

JOHN WILLCOCK



The sound of one hand working: Deutsche Morgan Grenfel has brought commendable Teutonic thoroughness to the vesco question of how staff in London should eat sandwiches at work. A memo from the investment bank's catering staff, quoted in the Securities & Investment Review, says sandwiches like smoked salmon and roast beef are "easily eaten, whilst working, with one hand". The gourmet sandwiches, it warns, "are more adventurous". Pastrami with chilli relish and cream cheese with carrot and walnuts are "two-handed sand wiches and may require more attention, whilst being eaten". The memo concludes that this "is a good point to bear in mind when ordering, depending on the style and level of the meeting". A spokesman says: "It was an over-zealous catering person getting carried away while describing what sandwiches were on offer. It wasn't a set of instructions." Ach so.

sociation (IATA) after a poll of 45,000 airline travellers? Just as the celebrations were getting into full swing, eight scheduled airlines landed all at the same time. A bad tempered scrum resulted as 1,500

thing the Stock Exchange has got right, says Mr Palfreyman. Which should be music to the angry passengers fought for their luggage and the limited ears of incoming Exchange number of trolleys available. Sir John should also note: One of the IATA categories in which Manchester had come

John Egan says he notes with pride that at the weekend at top was trolley availability. Those exciting people at the Institute of Chartered Accoun-Las Vegas Heathrow was cho-sen as the world's leading airport in the 1996 World Travel tants hold their annual confer-Awards. Hang on a minute. ence in London next week. Hasn't Sir John heard about Charles Tyrwhitt, maker of the recent debacle following a posh shirts and accessories, is similar award for Manchester one of the sponsors. The firm says each delegate will receive Airport by Geneva-based International Air Transport Asa pair of brass collar stiffeners

with its compliments. As if the crusty auditors needed to be any more stiff-necked.

Granada is sending out possibly the glossiest sales memorandum ever in its attempts to attract buyers for the 17 luxury hotels it acquired from Forte. These include Grosvenor House and Browns in London and the George V in Paris. The document is bound in a hard black cover with gold embossed lettering, spelling out The Exclusives

Continuing the luxury theme, Granada is keeping Sir Rocco Forte's corporate jet, a bone of contention in the bid battle. Gerry Robinson, Granada's boss, concedes: "We didn't say they were wrong about everything."

### BAA hits back over 'monopoly'

BAA's chief executive. Sir John Egan, yesterday hit back at a recent MPs' report which recommended that the company should be stripped of its stranglehold on London's Heathrow. Gatwick and Stansted airports. The all-party House of Commons Select Committee

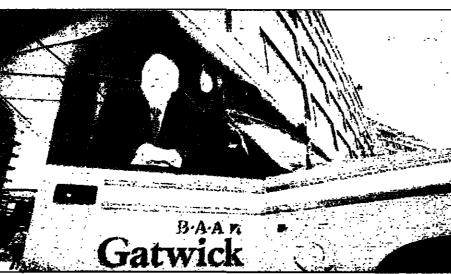
on transport last month called for a five-year preview, now being conducted by the Civil Aviation Authority. BAA's regulator, and the Monopolies Commission, to re-examine whether BAA should remain in control of all three airports or see Stansted and Garwick op-

crated separately. But Sir John hit back: "Talk of a monopoly is misleading. BAA has five runways in the South-east – the same number

as Schinol in Amsterdam, the difference being that Schipol runways are on one site instead of three.

Ownership of the three main South-east airports was "an old chestnut", Sir John argued. "It was on the agenda in 1987 and again in 1992 as part of the regulatory review. On both occasions it was rightly concluded that the UK obtains the most benefit from BAA operating three airports in one airport system." Sir John was speaking as BAA, operator of seven air ports in Britain, unveiled a 14 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £418m in the year to March. The figures included a £15m one-off gain on property disposals. Turnover rose 8 per cent at £1,25bn.

UK airport passenger traffic rose by 6.7 per cent to 93.6 mil-



Confronting critics: Sir John Egan of BAA

lion and Sir John forecast total growth in the current year of between 4 and 5 per cent. BAA was outbid last week by Swissair for the Allders international duty-free retailing arm, but Sir John said the com-

pany was right not to try to ri-

val the Swiss offer of £160m.

The CAA is studying a new formula to cap the charges BAA can levy on airlines using London Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted.

Under the present five-year formula, which runs out in April next year, charges in the current year must fall by one 8p yesterday at 478p.

Photograph: Nicholas Turpin percentage point below British quired falls of up to 8 percentage points below inflation.

The uncertain regulatory sit-

uation has cast a cloud over BAA's share price in recent weeks. The stock closed down

### Monsoon goes for listing

Christmas party in April attracted a thousand guests.

To invite all the managing di-

rectors, advisers and bankers involved in AIM would pro-

duce a guest list many times that size. Which doesn't mean

Winterflood won't be celebrat-

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BAA's chief executive Sir

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ing. "AIM has been a great success, despite a lot of scepti-

cism when it was launched.

had gone belly up, which

### NIGEL COPE

Monsoon, the women's fashion retailer, is to seek a stock market listing later this summer. which will value the company at

around £250m. Best known for an upmarket range of clothing with an ethnic image, Monsoon has 84 branches in the UK with a further 13 overseas. It operates a further 52 branches under the Accessorize name, which specialises in fashion accessories. such as hats, scarves and jewellery. Last year the company recorded profits of £12.9m on sales of £62.1m. The directors believe both Monsoon and Accessorize have scope for further

The company's major share-holder, an overseas-based independent trust which holds 67 per cent of the shares, is seekng to realise the value of part of that stake. No new money will be raised from the listing which will be achieved by way

of a placing.

Monsoon was founded in 1972 by Peter Simon who hatched the idea for the ethnic look while travelling. It opened its first shop in Beauchamp Place in Knightsbridge. Mr Simon sold two-thirds of the shares to the investment trust in 1992 and 1993.

### IN BRIEF

 Hardy Oil & Gas reported pre-tax losses slashed from £27.2m to £5.96m in the year to March. The figures were without £25m of reorganisation costs and provisions charged last time, but the group said the results also benefited from a 7 per cent increase in production and higher oil and gas prices. Unit costs were unchanged. Hardy's production will increase when phase one of the Banff development begins this year, with field production set to

Blick, the electronic equipment group, was upbeat vesterday as it unveiled a 16 per cent rise in profits to £7m for the year to March. PAC, acquired in January, had performed strongly in its first two months and with the recent purchase of Teletechnicom of the Netherlands, "we are making good progress with our development strategy", the company said.

Fibernet Group, which supplies high-speed digital optical-fibre networks, is raising £10m in a flotation on the Alternative Investment Market. The placing of 30 per cent of the enlarged capital at 100p a share will value the group at £37.2m. The new money will be used to accelerate the development of a national digital network. Fibernet reported operating profits before certain start-up costs of £595,000 last year.

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BAA (F)	- (-)	418m (366m)	30.25p (27.2p)	11.25p (10.125p)	
Blick (i)	28.1m (56.8m)	7.00m (6.05m)	16 4p (14.19p)	4.5p (4p)	
Bristol Water (F)	65.4m (61.1m)	12.1m (9 67m)	124.5p (95.67p)	45.5p (36.5p)	
British Land (F)	- (-1	62.1m (49 1m)	11.2p (8.4p)	8.55p (8.12p)	
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Stirling Group (F)	98 4m (88.6m)	6.1m (6.1m)	4.66p (4.41p)	2.2p (2.05p)	
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### BA code-sharing deal must face European scrutiny Meanwhile, American Air-

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The European Commission yesterday gave warning that it will scrutinise Tuesday's code sharing pact between American Airlines and British Airways as both sides continued to tie up lines, ranked among the top pean Commission would not fairly lengthy project."

three in the world, is set to also need to vet the venture. create one of the strongest combinations in air travel, with control of 60 per cent of all Lon-don to New York traffic. The alliance is already facing an anti-trust probe in the US and British Airways chief executive

But a statement from the Commission yesterday said it would have to vet the latest agreement and any others to ensure they were compatible with EU competition rules. Transport spokeswoman Sarah Lambert smaller deals around the world. Robert Ayling expressed a hope said: "We have to see the details The deal between the two air- on Tuesday that that the Euro- and it is obviously going to be a

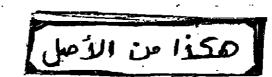
News of the EU intervention came as BA announced a new franchise deal with the South African regional airline Comair in only the second such deal by the British group outside the UK. Comair will remain a separate independent company, but, in line with other franchisces, its fleet will be painted in the BA livery,

lines announced that it had reached a code-sharing agreement with Singapore Airlines on the Singapore-Chicago route. The Commission yesterday pressed again for a global "open skies" agreement between the EU and the US, a move which has so far been opposed by a majority of EU states.

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### business

# 'In the long run, productivity makes the difference

It is the time of year when the Gov-ernment launches with great fan-fare its competitiveness White Paper. The tome released today will no doubt be another relentlessly upbeat interpretation of the message that we must all try a bit harder.

It is worth stepping back, however, and asking what it means to talk about an economy's competitiveness. A bit of reflection shows that it cannot mean the same as a company's competitiveness, although that is how many people think of it. Indeed. the first of the annual White Papers was subtitled: "Helping Business To Win".

For a company, there are some straightforward indicators of competitive strength. They would include sales growth and market share, cost ratios and profit margins. These measures work as indicators because they can be compared easily for competing companies.

Countries, on the other hand, do not compete with each other in the same way. Not only is it harder to measure, say, levels of costs or shares in export markets, it is not obvious how to interpret the results. Unlike companies, countries do not go out of business. As the Stanford University economist Paul Krug-man puts it: "Countries have no welldefined bottom line."

Is Germany now less competitive because it has high labour costs? As the table shows, its hourly wage costs are well ahead of those in other countries. Perhaps, but these also reflect the rewards for past productivity gains. Germans are more prosper-ous as a result of past hard work, and even if the economy is in trouble now, it is hard to argue that more productive labour should not be more



**ECONOMIC VIEW** DIANE COYLE

More fundamentally, interna- big trade deficit for an extended petional competition helps rather than harms countries as a whole. Although groups within a country can lose out through trade, the economy as a whole always benefits. More trade means higher exports, employment

and growth, along with cheaper imports to the benefit of consumers. It is only when an overvalued exchange rate means a country has a

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riod - as the US did in the early 1980s - that the employment and growth effects of trade are negative. More-over, it is hard to dislodge the mercantilist notion that exports are good, imports bad. From the point of view of economic well-being this is wrong. Imports are good too -think how depleted our lives would be without cheap electronics. I for one would not feel better off with-

out my microwave, stereo, home computer and washing machine. So bow should a country's competitiveness be assessed? Its trade position vis a vis other countries is obviously one possibility, although it ought to be the entire current account balance, including interest, profit and dividend earnings and services trade as well as the headline-grabbing visible trade balance.

However, most industrial countries have run trade deficits or surpluses that, averaged over a long period of time, have amounted to very small proportions of their GDP. The reason is that persistent imbalances tend to be corrected by ex-

change rate movements. Looking at the nominal exchange rate alone would paint a dire picture of Britain's economic performance. The pound might have risen a pfennig or two recently, but over the long term its history is one of unremitting decline. In 1970 a pound bought nearly DM9 worth of German goods. However, a fall in sterling does not

boost exports if it is mirrored in higher domestic inflation. The exchange rate adjusted for inflation rates here and abroad has not sunk as dramatically, for British inflation has been higher on average than that

The Bank for International Settlements this week published its estimates of real exchange rates calculated using growth in labour costs per unit of output rather than price inflation. This measure of competitiveness has changed only a little for the UK during the past five

Although it did improve in Sep-tember 1992, the gain was far less

0.2 per cent in 1993, but were flat the

The growth in unit labour costs is equal to wage inflation less productivity growth. It increases when pay rises are not matched by improve-ments in productivity. As wage inflation has been low by historical standards in Britain, productivity per-

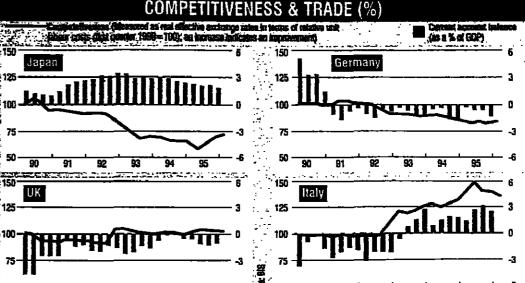
of our competitors. years, as the chart shows.

dramatic than in Italy, whose nominal exchange rate tumbled at the same time. The reason is that unit labour costs rose in the UK in 1994 and 1995, whereas they declined in most other industrial countries. Unit labour costs in the UK fell

following year and rose 3.3 per cent in 1995. In Italy they rose 2.6 per cent in 1993 but then fell 2.7 per cent and 4.3 per cent. Germany and Japan, both strong-currency countries, have suffered a deterioration in this measure since 1990.

formance must be the key.

This detour through trade as a way of measuring national competitiveness has returned to the point at which economic theory would have begun to monitor a country's prosperity. Looking at export performance or Britain's declining share of and introducing more flexibility the low level of per capita GDP in



world trade in manufactures is a have, arguably, raised productivity diversion. The lesson of history is that in the long run living standards rise

in line with productivity growth. Economists tend to describe anything that boosts productivity - anything that produces more output per unit of input - as "technical change" But it is more complicated than this makes it sound. As well as innovations in technology this also includes new efficiencies. One example was the organisation of production

in assembly lines earlier this century. Another more recent - and more contentious - example would be the shake-up of labour market institutions by Britain's Conservative gov-

and potential growth. The institutional framework in which businesses operate is one aspect of the economy a government

can try to change to enhance productivity. Another is education. Here Britain trails most other industrial coutries in both quality and numbers in further education. The Organisation for Economic

Co-operation and Development - a big fan of the flexible labour market - recently pinpointed upgrading the skill levels of the workforce as the main challenge facing Britain. "Rel-atively low levels of human capital probably were, and continue to be,

the United Kingdom," compared with other industrial countries. Government measures had out the number of unqualified 16-19-yearolds entering the jobs market, the OECD noted. But it concluded that

attainment levels lagged well behind those in our main competitors. Not surprisingly, the Government's skills audit published yesterday reached the same conclusion.

No doubt today's White Paper will contain another list of pledges on editions of the same to the same to

ucation and training. It needs to.
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provided a shot in the arm for drug shares which have been 1904.6:+0.5.8 showing signs of stress and SEAQ VOLUME

strain in recent weeks. The takeover story, not for 730.7m shares, the first time, involved Zeneca; 30,263 bargains the analyst in the heat of the action was Steve Plag of Bar-clays de Zoete Wedd who Gilts Index 92.27 -0.17 changed the securities house's

recommendations. Option activity re-awakened the Zeneca bid stories. At one time the shares were up 29p at 1.415p, a peak. They closed at

1,398p, a 12p gain. Talk of a Swiss bid went the rounds but there was also sup-port for the theory Glaxo Wellcome, up 20.5p to 857.5p, was wondering about buying Zeneca, partly for its highly promising drugs pipeline. SmithKline Beecham, anotb-

A heady cocktail of takeover rumours and analytical support analyst who switched from NatWest Securities to BZW. was said to have moved his stance to "neutral/overweight from "underweight" which, stripping out the jargon, could be interpreted as going to a

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get price. Shire Pharmaceuti-Often when an analyst cals helped the higher temmoves house he sharpens his perature by letting it be known in investment meetings that its new employer's view. The decision to adopt a more positive stance seems to be based on Alzheimer treatment will be routine considerations such as the subject of a presentation in the sector's apparently low Japan next month. The shares put on a further 5p to 253p.

Cantab Pharmaceuticals political risk, the consumers' need for drugs whatever the economic climate and "good could hardly have picked a betdividend and earning potenter day to launch a £25.7m plac-

ing at 650p. It even managed a 5p gain to 685p. The rest of the stock market continued its winning streak, gaining a further 13.5 points takeover talks come to a sucto 3,769.2, a three-day advance of 62.4. Turnover perked up with signs of some

overseas interest. As expected, Orange, the

ten linked with Lucas Industries, gained 13p to 541p fol-lowing a dinner with 12 fund managers, hosted by Henderson Crosthwaite. Rolls-Royce, holding another round of US investment presentations, rose 6p to 228p. Tomkins gained 6p to 254p

with Credit Lyonnais Laing said to be supportive and British Steel put on a further 2.5p to 1979p although Nat West frets about weak markets and says sell. Lucas, according to US reports, is caught up in another Pentagon probe, easing 3p to 230p.

Cable & Wireless was ruf-

won promotion with Foreign & Colonial, Greenalls and Rexfled by suggestions its Hong Railtrack just failed to make Kong Telecom off-shoot wanted a much greater degree of independence with Cable likely to be forced to reduce its it but with Blenheim, likely to controlling stake. The shares fell 14p to 420p. Dmatek, an cessful conclusion, and newcomer Millennium & Copthorne Hotels, it joins the sup-porting FT-SE 250 index. electronic tagging business, rose 5p to 70p after the Israeli TI Group, the engineer ofgroup met City investors.

Union, the financial group. lost 6p to 92p although Bahamas-based Joseph Lewis nudged his stake higher to 16.27 per cent. His English & National Investment Trust, on the AutoNomy deal, rose a further 10p to 80p. Celtic, the Glasgow football

club, continued its top-of-thetable display, gaining £40 to £295. Orbis, the security group, slipped 2p to 47p after paying £5.8m for Intruder Detection Services and reporting profits of £1.9m (£198,000). Drummond, the wool and

worsted cloth maker, improved

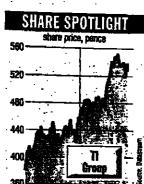
6p to a two-year high of 38p. It has produced profits up 33 per cent to £1.2m and the market is looking for £2m this year. Surrey Free Inns frothed up a further 21p to 308p and Cafe Inns added 27p to 212p. Cedardata, a computer

group, gained 10p to 190p on a Greig Middleton buy rec-

Enthusiasm for Zeneca provides tonic for drug stocks TAKING STOCKS.

□PEX, the sock maker being revamped by Italian aristocrat Andrea Cattaneo Della Volta, could be near to a significant deal. It is thought to be hoping to buy a clothing group for cash and shares. Even before the deal, which could be in the £2.5m range, PEX has been pulled back to profits, with research group Hardman & Co forecasting £480,000 this year. The shares are 5p, pricing PEX, which had sales of £11.6m iast year, at only £3.9m.

Standard Platform, the struggling document imaging group, is the vehicle bringing Henry Lewis' Action Computer to market. Its shares were suspended at 15.5p.



tech gained 37p to 645p; it has er seen as a Zeneca predator. sold for £42m its manufacturing off-shoot and Lehman Brothers has set a 1,000p tar-Mr Plag, the top-rated drugs

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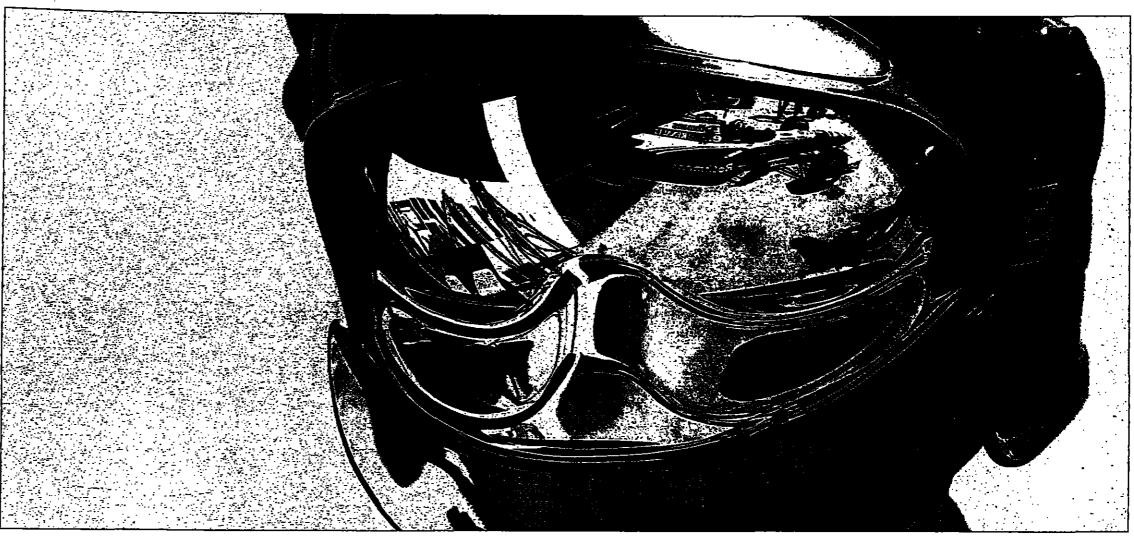
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chassis and an engine; your budget is £40 million. Make your selections from the grand prix shopping list printed below; the only

restriction is that your third driver must come from the £1 million category. Details of how to enter are given on this page. You can enter a team at any point during the grand prix season but the earlier you enter, the greater your chances of being our overall champion. Remember, there are prizes for the winning Dream Team in each individual grand prix so you can enter a different team for each race.

### **HOW YOU SCORE**

Points are awarded per race to the top six finishers, based on the Formula One World Championship points scoring system (10, 6, 4, 3, 2, 1) but with an extra 10 points awarded to each of the top six finishers. All drivers are eligible to score for a top six finish but can also notch up extra points as follows:

 The fastest driver in race-day warm-up will collect six points, with five for the second and so on down to one point for the sixth quickest. Drivers score one point for each Diace they make ud over their position. Points are not deducted by

losing places. Five points are lost if your driver posts first retirement, four for second down to one point lost for the fifth retirement.

■ If your driver makes the quickest pitstop (from the entry of the pitlane to the exit) you gain five points. If your driver sets the fastest lap time in the race, you gain five

 If your driver receives a stop/go penalty, you lose five points. If your driver starts on pole po-

sition, you gain five points The Independent will name a Driver of the Day after each race for a particularly impressive performance, worth five points.

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 Chassis score and lose points in the same way as drivers for a top six finish or any early retirement. The score is based on the first chassis home of that particular manufacturer. Likewise, only the first chassis retirement will count if they are both among the first five to re-

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\*US OPEN: Players' preparations to take on 'the monster' are disrupted as thunderstorm drowns fearsome course

# Faldo in fine form before the flood

TIM GLOVER

reports from Oakland Hills

If Nick Faldo is going to win a US Open, this is the one. Every year the winner of the Masters is asked about the possibility of a Grand Slam and yesterday Fal-do described attaining that as "fractionally higher than Everest." The Englishman has reached base camp and has made preparations for the ascent.

However, not even Faldo was prepared for the weather here in Detroit and yesterday the course was cleared by a ferocious thunderstorm. The greens were flooded, the fairways were flooded and sand was washed out of several bunkers. The start of the championship today may be delayed.

Oakland Hills is a classic US Open course and the rough is getting higher as we speak, but then so is the water level. The place is described as the "monster" and with a par of 70 very few players have managed to tame it. In 1951, Ben Hogan produced a 67 in the final round for an aggregate of

12.00-18.20 N. Graso, D. Ber

been waiting for a thoroughbred about possible then to win the ever since. The trouble is yesterday's storm has changed the nature of the course.

As it happens Hogan is Faldo's role model. He has visited him on several occasions although it would be an exaggeration to say they are bosom pals. When Gary Player once rang Hogan to ask him for some advice, the Amer-

Card of the course

Hole	Yerds	Par	Hole	Yards	Par
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2	523	5	11	399	4
3	194	3.	12	560	· 5
4	430	4	13	.:170	. 3
5	455	4	14	471	4
6	356	4 -	15	400	. 4
7.	405	4	.16	403	4
8	440	4	17	200	3
8	220	3	18	465	4
Out	3,458	35	line;	3,518	35

Total: 6,974 yards, par 70 ican responded: "What clubs do

you play with?" "Dunlop," Player replied. "Then ask Mr Dunlop," Hogan snapped.

Hogan came close to the

Grand Slam in 1953 when he won the Masters, the US Open and the Open. He did not compete in the US PGA. If it was just

sible now. "I understand what it's all about," Faldo said. "You've got to get your game right to start off. You've got to get everything right physically, mentally, emo-tionally, health, all sorts. Then you've got another 150 guys trying to compete. We all know how difficult it is but it is a possibil-ity. If Nicklaus couldn't do it and Hogan couldn't do it..."

The manner of Faldo's victory

in the Masters in April might in-stil in him a belief that anything is possible. Greg Norman, the world No 1, blew a six-stroke lead and lost by five and there are other major questions to be answered here aside from Faldo's toehold on a Grand Slam. Can the Great White Shark recover from his reputation for snatching defeat from the jaws of victory? Can the 46-year-old Tom Watson, who ended a nineyear barren spell by winning the aptly named Memorial Tournament, win a ninth major? Can Ernie Els, in sublime form after blitzing the field by eight strokes in the Buick Classic last week, win his second US Open in three years? Can Colin Montmerie break his duck? Will this be the wettest champi-

Norman was badly wounded in the crash at Augusta although he has been claiming here that the scars have healed. He says he played only two bad shots on that fateful Sunday, at the eighth and 16th holes. He is deluding himself. He did indeed play a wretched shot at the 16th but by that time the damage had been done. Norman is possibly the most gifted golfer to play the game since Hogan but his return of just two major titles suggests that he is a club short in the mental game.

onship on record?

Jack Nicklaus, the host of The Memorial Tournament, described Watson's victory as the most thrilling thing to happen in golf since... well, since Big Jack's victory in the Masters 10 years

be badly missed during the run-

in to the championship.
Other clubs which will be se-

Filians on their books, and

Tongans and Samoans. The

League's chief executive, Mau-

to help the Pacific island nations



Bunker mentality: Ian Woosnam tests the sand before the storm struck Cakland Hills yesterday

as Watson is now - yet for some gap-toothed reason he is not regarded as being a golden oldie. Like Norman, Watson has a mental problem although in his case it is confined to short putts. Despite his victory at Muirfield Village he did not entirely dispel the doubts. His final round of 70 contained 33 putts.

most consistent players in the world but has finished runner-up on far too many occasions. Last week in the Alamo English Open he appeared to be in the driving

players, Steve Ojomoh and Si-

chairman, Barty Maranta, said

mon Geoghegan. The Broncos

Several rugby league clubs have

Irish wing, but the Broncos be-

lieve they have a chance because

man, has signed a new contract

Castleford's former Great

accelerator. Despite ensuring is unlikely to land the hot dog in that the course was set up to the US Open at Oakland Hills. replicate typical conditions at a US Open, he duffed chip shots out of the rough at both the penultimate and ultimate holes. He shot 75, 68, 68, 68.

"I didn't lose the tournament at the 17th and 18th," Montgomerie said, "I lost it in the first round." He is deluding himself.
To duff one chip might be considered unfortunate; to duff two is doubly unfortunate. The impression is that if Monty cannot cut the mustard in the English Open at the Forest of Arden, he

Couples, have withdrawn. Asked Montgomerie was beaten in a play-off by Els in the US Open to tip a contender. Els mentioned Montgomerie, Mark O'Meara. Greg Norman and himself. He at Oakmont, in 1994 and the young South African has the did not mention Faldo. Faldo was warming to the "mon-

of them, Nick Price and Fred

Yesterday, before the storm,

most difficult US Open courses

he had played. "Every hole is very

demanding," he said, "and there

are very few birdie opportunities. It's going to be a week of churn-ing out the pars." When it comes

ter than Faldo.

son we are learning."

Wales did battle their way back

with first-half tries from the

full-back Wayne Proctor and

the wing Dafydd James. The cen-

tre Gareth Thomas, scrum-half

Andy Moore, flanker Andrew

Gibbs and stand-off Arwel

Thomas crossed in the second

half, the latter also adding 11

points with the boot, but Aus-

tralia B were always in control.

with plenty to think about be-

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fore that second Test.

The tour party retreat to the outback town of Moree today

game and certainly the form, following his Westchester victory last Sunday, to recapture the title. Like Faldo, Els has committed himself to the US Tour. "Last year was a learning experience for me," Els said. "I had to get used to the tournaments, the courses but now I've settled down." Els thinks only 15 players

have a chance of winning and two

# on his \* top to Lord's

Cricket

MICHAEL AUSTIN reports from Northampton Northamptonshire 220-7 Warwickshire 193 Northants win by 27 runs

John Emburey, Northampton shire's coach and one of the best limited-overs bowlers in the world, will be back at Lord's, his former Middlesex home, for the Benson and Hedges Cup final against Lancushire on 13 July.

Alongside him should be Tim Walton. Tim Who? Leeds-educated Tim, 23, the semi-final matchwinner, clutching the gold award after literally throwing Warwickshire out of the competition. That's who.

Northamptonshire saw Walton dismiss Trevor Penney and Paul Smith with crucial direct hits which needed the umpires confirmation of the video-replay such was the speed of throw in improbable circumstances, as Warwickshire's prospects of a fifth Lord's knock-out final out of six were shattered.

Penney was ambling in, by his fleet-footed standards, to complete a second run when Walton's arrow from fully 50 yards cannoned into the stumps. Smith, unwisely, risked a single to backward point and was speared out at the bowler's end. Walton's innings of 70 not out from 73 balls had already given Northamptonshire something to bowl at - or as it turned out - to throw at and Warwickshire were beaten with 13 balls remaining.

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MEPSTOW

The Park War -

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These games, recycled into a second day, are often anti-climactic. This one was just the opposite. Warwickshire finished with Dermot Reeve, the familiar magic man, stranded on 21 and Curtly Ambrose just about ster" which he said was one of the turning cartwheels of joy. His vorker which needed almost a subterranean stroke from Dominic Ostler had been a classic of the fast bowler's art. His previous delivery, a bouncer, had been an eyebrow tweaker.

to par churning, nobody is bet-Whatever elixir Northamptonshire have taken this summer has produced 12 straight limited overs wins, including the one against the Indians, and a sense of togetherness. Emburey's influence has guided Rob Bailey, the new and worthy captain, so long under the not-so-tall but then daunting shadow of the now-retired Allan Lamb.

Emburey will concentrate full-time on his off-field role in the second half of the season but admitted afterwards that: "Go ing back to Lord's - to play in another final will be a special day - if I do play." He surely will as Northamptonshire seek their first B&H title for 16 years.

### TODAY'S NUMBER

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The number of countries who have failed to turn up at the African Athletics Championships in Yaoundé, Cameroon, forcing the organisers to delay the start for 24 hours. The annual championships should have 37 teams.

Tee-off times

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they will become entitled as Su-

per League members. Subject

to those guarantees, the board

will recommend to the next

meeting of the Rugby League

Council to expedite South

Leading clubs will be without

key players for part of next

month, because of the first

playing of the Oceania Cup.

Clubs will be told that they must

release Western Samoans like

# As for Monty he is one of the

League approves South Wales Erikkson wins his first cap

> for Scotland **Rugby Union**

Rou Erikkson, of London Scottish, will win his first senior cap for Scotland on Saturday in the first Test against New Zealand at Dunedin.

The 16st centre comes into the side as both outside centres, Scott Hastings and Graham Shiel, are unavailable after picking up knee injuries against South Islands on Tuesday.

Erikkson, 24, will play alongside the strong tackling Ian Jardine in a defensive centre combination. Ken Logan is recalled on the wing, as is Gary Armstrong at scrum-half. At lock Damian Cronin is preferred to Stewart Campbell.

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### opening barrage as many minutes. "We have to learn to deal with the early pressure and we are still naive in the tackle area. They scoop the

Wales caught by

coach, admitted to disappointment after his side suffered another defeat, but he insisted his team are still on the right track despite their defeat by

Australia B in Ballymore. "Of course, I don't like us conceding nine tries but we did score six ourselves and we are looking at the positives like that," Bowring said. "We came back in the second half when we started running at them and when we do that they are as hu-

man as anyone else." The tourists have lost four in a row after their easy tour opener and lifting morale for the second Test a week Saturday could be a major job for the coach. Bowring must also find a way of firing Wales up to meet the traditional whirlwind Aus-

tralian openings. They went 24 points down in

### SPORTING DIGEST

selected for the England Alpine Squad, a developement unit to encourage young siders to progress at senior lev-el to the British Alpine Team and in-

FOUR-TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP Qualifying round first leg (London): bawah 34, Peterborough 28, Eastbourne 24, London 10,

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A Feitham 4 for 25). Middlesex won by 186 nos. Portamonth Durham 229 (A Prat 53; S.J. Renshaw 5-23) and 288; Hampshire 288 (C.1. Campbell 6-78) and 288; Hampshire 288 (C.1. Campbell 6-78) and 232 for 2 (R M S Morts 100 no. G R Treagus 73). Hampshire won by eight wickets. Midwissonse: Surey 210 and 166 (J B Th Maydestonse: 65 km²y 210 and 166 (J B Th Maydestonse: 646); Kent 416 for 9 dec. IN Lieng 192, S C Wills 80, G M Stephens 59 no). Nent won by as including and 40 runs. Militon Kaynestonshire 256 (D J Roberts 62, K J Irnes 52, D J Sales 50) and 24 for 0; Lekessenshire 114 (J N Srape 4-21) and 204 (V P Claria 54; J N Srape 5-62, J F Brown 4-58). Northartisphyristhire won by 10 wickets.

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### LAST NIGHT'S RACING RESULTS

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10-1. 11 ran. 2/5; 1. (Briske). Totae: 53.20;
51.20, 52.40, 53.70. DP: 57.10. CSF:
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£20.14. Tricast: £148.63. Tric: £34.40. HAMILTON

7.00: 1. TROPICAL BEACH (Mas I. Pearce)
5-1 Co fav; 2. Serious Hurry 8-1; 3.
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fav Herry The Hawk, 242, 42, U Berry, Totar;
24.60; 51.70, 52.60, 52.10, .0°; 51.700,
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22.40. DF: £47.40. CSF. £70.71. Ing:
£213.80.

Leading Royal Hunt Cup contender Tregaron is in grave danger of being eliminated from the one mile handicap. Reg Akecharge, needs 29 horses to drop out if he is to miss the cut. Tregaron, an impressive winner over the course and distance in and Latahaab, in the Gold Cup.

ever since betting opened on the race. "I've got Jimmy Quinn on standby to ride but I don't think there's much chance of the horse getting in," bemoaned Akehurst, "By my reckoning we need at least 29 horses to come out if he's going to run. "If he can't run at Ascot I'm not sure what we are going to do. There's a race at Sal-isbury the week after Ascot but apart from that there's hardly any suitable alternatives. I'm afraid race planning just doesn't seem to be properly thought out." It's been a disappointing season for Akehurst – he's notched just six winners - and he is looking to Astrac to bring him some joy at Ascot. The five-year-old hids for back-to-back victories in the hurst's entire, set to carry 7st12lb in the Royal Ascot cavalry chance and at least we know he's Wokingham. "it's always a tough certain to get a run," said Akehurst. The trainer will have two representatives, Admiral's Well

### Va'aiga Tuigamala, of Wigan, antee to match any money from to field their strongest sides. News Corporation, to which and Apollo Perelini, of St He-The London Broncos have to the end of the 1998 season.

Athietics

Michael Marsh, the Olympic 200 metres gold medallist, is fighting against a thyroid condition as he prepares for a showdown with the world champion. Michael Johnson, in the United States Olympic trials, which begin in Atlanta tomorrow.

Alex Kruger, Britain's top men's de-cathlere and the only Briton to have

achieved the Olympic qualifying standard, has pulled out of this weekend's Euro-bean Cup Combined Events meeting in Lage, Germany, because of Injury. Also

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balance of my body isn't right, and I get cramps," Marsh said getting better, and I don't think or anything. It's just something I have to keep a hold on."

the Olympic stadium.

on 18 May when he felt his 19.88. right leg cramping. "It was a very slight cramp, but it made me pause between 80 and 100 metres, coming off the turn. and I wasn't able to concen-

Marsh was ahead of Johnson race in 19.83sec, the fastest through the turn of the 200m time in the world this year, with race at the Atlanta Grand Prix Marsh coming in second in

lens, both of whom are likely to targeted the Bath rugby union

riously affected include Shef- talks had already begun with the

field Eagles, who have three 25-year-old England forward.

Halifax, who have a colony of tried to tempt Geoghegan, the

rice Lindsay, said the only way he lives and works in London.

to develop was to enable them Britain full-back, Graham Stead-

caused most often by severe physical stress.

that the "hypo-thyroid" condition is a common problem

### Threat to Marsh's Olympic medal hopes condition once during a race in trate on running," Marsh said.

Rugby League

The ambition of the new South

proved in principle by the eague's board of directors.

The board, however, has in-

sisted the consortium, which

wants to base the club at the

Cardiff Arms Park, must guar-

Wales chib to play in next year's Super League has been ap-

DAVE HADFIELD

in Houston yesterday. "It is it's gonna keep me off the team Marsh, hoping to make the US team in the 100 and 200m,

not competing is Denise Lewis, the Com-monwealth champion who achieved a British record-breeking 6,845 points in Germany earlier this month, catear arritan YEAN (European Cup Com-bined Events meeting, Large, Germany, this weekend), there 5 Shiftery (Belgove), 8 Toy-for (Old Coylomans), 8 Thomas (Shothed), A Southward (Shothed), 10 Thomas (Shothed), A Southward (Shothed), 10 Thomas (Shothed), A Southward (Shothed), 10 Thomas (Shothed), N Shothed), 8 Design (Cly of Spoint A), 10 Toylog (Machine), 10 Toylog

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AMERICAN LEAGUE: Baltimore 12 Detroit 9:
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ond leg: Inswich v Reading v Eastbourne v London (7.30),

CHALLENGE: Shoffield World Stars v

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6 R Chaeset (Seet); 7 B Hotm (Den); 8 G Fareau (ft) all serve time; 9 £ Zabel (Ger) 1:15: 10 D Rebellin (t) Same time. Overall standings: 1 Mese 4 fr 52mm 18;6c: 2 Bartob +2;ec: 3 Guid; +48; 4 fareau +49; 8 \$ Checchin +53; 6 Hotm +55; 7 Jeroran +1:07; 8 £ Berton (No.) same time; 9 Bjame Rys (Den) 1:09; 10 Chassof 1:10.

Ferenceiros retained their Hungarian League title by besting BVSC Dreher 1-0 yesterday. A goal by the Yugoslav striker, Zoran Kurrict, two manufes be-fore half-time gave the Budapest club an unassatiatie lead in the champi-nostin with two strikes to sin

onship with two games to go. Sporting Lisbon have hired Robert Wa-

in time for the start of next se

Johnson went on to win the

Doctors have told Marsh

minder following the departure of Mar-ty McKay, the former British International, after losing his place to Cowley. Pools dividends Pools dividends

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kones £50.55, Six reways £8.90,
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Rugby Union TOUR MATCH (Brisbase): Australis B 51 Wales

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BRITISH LIONS TOUR TIMERARY (South Africa, 1997): 24 May: V Eastern Province invitational XI (Port Bizabeth). 28 May: V Western Province (Cape Town). 31 May: Pres State (Bioemignaem). 4 June: V Trenswal (Johanneburg). 7 June: V Northen Transwal (Pohanneburg). 7 June: V South Eastern Transwal (Withard). 14 June: V Northe (Durbor). 17 June: V Berrary Springhols (Wellington). 21 June: V Bresty (Est (Cape Town). 24 June: V Borter (Est London). 28 June: Second Test Durbor). 1. July: V SA Berbacars (Welliorn). 5 July: Third Test (Johannesburg).

Roddy O'Nell, the 16-year-old whose par-ents sold their family home in March to help fund his sking carear, has been

opurung uspon nave nireo Hobert Wa-seige, a Belgian coach, to take over for the 1996/97 season. Bobby Robson's former club have gone 14 years with-out winning the Portuguese league ti-de. CRICKET SCOREBOARD Germany's first-choice goalkeeper, Andreas Kopke, is set to leave the relegated Bundesliga club Eintracht Frankfurt for First Division VfB Stuttgart Benson and Hedges Cup Semi-finals (Limited-Overs matches)

Gina Gogan, the Romanian double world champion, has appendictis and may mass the Atlanta Olympics. Gogean, the world gold medalist on the vault and floor, underwent surgery resterday and might not recover in time for the Games. The team's chances could be further hit as the 1992 Olympic vault and floor champion, Lavinia Milosovici. Is suffering from a sprain. Lancashire won toss

Sheffield have been hit by netminder Wayne Cowley's departure to a German club, leaving the Steelers without a net-

HOCKEY: Men's international; Britain v Ger

many (2.0). Women's international: Britain v Spain (12.0) (both at Milton keynes).

TENNIS: Stella Artois pournément (Queen's Caub, London); DFS Classic (Edglosston Prio-ry Clob, Birmingham).

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Lancashire v Yorkshire OLD TRAFFORD: Lancashire won by one

Bowling Assn 10-0-54-0; Martin 10-0-62-1; Chapple 10-0-46-1; Eworthy 10-0-52-1; Watkinson 10-1-30-2.

Score at 15 overs; 48 for 3. Bowling: Gough 10-1-39-2; Shrenwood 10-2-40-2; Hardey 10-1-47-0; White 10-1-74-1; Stemp 10-0-47-0. Limpines: D J Constant and K E Paimer. Northauts v Warwickshire

Manwickshire won auss NORTHAMPTONSHIRE 220 for 7 (50 overs; T C Welton 70no). (Overnight: 91 for 3) D P Ostier b Ambrose P A Smith run out
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TETLEYS CHALLEMEN SERIES (First day of three; 11.0); Derby: Derbysture v India. BAIN HOSE TROPHY (One day; 11.0); Duffield (Fyes: Meadow): Derbyshire v Durham, Southempton: Hampstone v Gouestershire. Maidstone: Henr v Surrey. Trent Bridge: Noting erriche v Lancasture. Trent und Bridge: Noting erriche v Lancasture. SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP (Final day of three); Pontardulalic: Middlesex 135 for 6 dec (G M Pooley 55) and 141 for 5 dec; Glattergan first invings forlested and 90 (M Treat Bridge: Noturgremetric v Lanestve. FIRST WOMEN'S ONE-DAY INTERNATION. AL (11.0): Lord's: England v New Zeoland.

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NAMERIT (Romanion, Meth) Second round; L Pies (Ind) bt D Nestor (Car) 5-7-7-6-4; S Smilaniff) bt J Nestor (Car) 5-7-7-6-4; S Smilaniff) bt J Nestor (Car) 5-7-7-6-4; S Smilaniff) bt B Seven (NO) 4-6-6-3-6-2; Boothman (See) bt S Schallen (Noth) 6-1-4-6-2. Sta war April, has disputed favouritism

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# 'Kelleway heading to top with Tower

At first sight, the bookmakers could be taking us for fools. The field for the St James's Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot next Tuesday is expected to include the 2,000 Guineas winners from Britain, France and Ireland, and yet in William Hill's opening list, a colt which started the season in handicaps and was heaten in a Listed race last time out is on offer at just 16-1.

What we have here, though, is not caution, but respect. Sorbie Tower is trained by Gay Kelleway, whose yard has spent the first part of the season using bookmakers in much the same way that the rest of us use cashpoints. When the money is down, few trainers deliver as frequently as Kelleway, and if she believes Sorbie Tower is worth a try in Group One company, the odds-compilers will give ther the benefit of the doubt.

It matters little that the colt did not begin his three-year-old season in the Classic trials, but in a maiden at Doncaster and then a series of handicaps. For Kelleway, handicaps can be a means to an end rather than an end in themselves. "I'm a great believer in work-

ing your way up," she said yesterday. "It can give a horse a huge amount of confidence. If any other trainer had had him they would probably have gone straight into Group company,

trainer the bookies will be wary of at Royal Ascot

but my route was a prosperous one because we backed him and we won a lot of prize-money. He's a really good horse. I've got some nice three-year-olds, but he's the best of the lot."

Anzio, bought out of an allweather claimer during the winter, has already graduated from the Kelleway course of instruction by adding a recent Group Three event at Leopardstown to a series of handicap successes. He will set off for the six-furlong dash of the Wokingham next week with as good a chance as any, but it is Sorbie Tower who could really announce Kelleway's arrival in

the big time.
Sorbie Tower met his first defeat of the season in the Heron Stakes at Kempton last month, but he was unfortunate to lose while the colt who narrowly beat him, Peter Chapple-Hyam's Regal Archive, was thought worthy of the step up to Group One company for his next outing. "He got carved up a treat at the beginning and then got into trouble, and he should have won at least a length. Ray [Cochrane] is a pessimist rather

flinched about putting him in the St James's Palace." For Sorbie Tower's trainer,

success would confirm her as one of the finest handlers among the emerging genera-tion. It would also be the pefect vindication of her decision to leave Newmarket last year for the sumptuous facilities at the Whitcombe Manor complex in Dorset. "I've always liked to think I can train horses, but down her you're more independent, you get more time and also better staff. You can be choosy, whereas in Newmarket it's very difficult to get good staff

unless you're in the big league."
The opposition at Ascot appears fearsome, with the three Guineas winners, Mark Of Esteem, Ashkalani and Spinning World all expected to go to post. Bijou D'Inde, who ran Mark Of Esteem so close when third at Newmarket, and the Craven Stakes winner, Beauchamp King, are other probable contenders, but if Kelleway is wor-

ried, she hides the fact well. "You don't really know how good the Newmarket form is, because Even Top ran terribly in the Derby. The French form is probably the best and Spinning World is obviously a really good horse, but mine is fit, well and very fresh and he nev-



er stops improving. There's carry any of his trainer's mon-very few Group One races ey next week will be decided af-about, and there's only one ter he has worked on Saturday. Royal Ascot."
Whether Sorbie Tower will

"I think 16-1 might be a bit too short," she said, "but then if he'd

won last time he'd probably be 10-1, and if he was trained by H Cecil he be 3-1." The modesty seems genuine, but it is un-

Gay Kelleway and her Wokingham hope, Anzio

Dominique Boeuf, heavily crit-

icised for his rides on Shake the the Elie Lellouche-trained Yoke in the French 1,000 Shake The Yoke in the Coro-Guineas and on Helissio in the nation Stakes at Royal Ascot on change for Ashkalani, who Wednesday, while Cash Asmounts on both in Group One mussen will ride Helissio, also events next week. Olivier Pes- Lellouche-trained, in the Grand

There may also be a jockey spearheads the French challenge in Tuesday's St James's

Mossé, Ashkalani's regular partner, will know tomorrow whether his appeal against a four-day ban picked up last Sunday is successful. Michael

runners at Ascot are Nononito (Gold Cup, Fort Nottingham (King Edward VII Stakes), Tulipa (Ribblesdale Stakes) and Titus Livius (King's Stand Stakes).

RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Charlie Sillett (Newbury 3.00) NB: My Handsome Prince

(Chepstow 8.15)

### Boeuf off the menu as French prepare for Royal Ascot feast lier takes over from Boeuf on Prix Prix de Paris on Sunday some fine tuning today when he the Elie Lellouche-trained week. Some fine tuning today when he to take will work at Chantilly. Gerald over. Other possible French

French Derby, has lost the

CARLISE

2.15 Bold African 2.45 Flashy's Son 3.15 Thatched 3.45 Lawn Order 4.15 Wire Act 4.45 BOWCLIFFE GRANGE (nap) BETTRIC: 5-2 Bride's Reprised, 11-4 Bold African, 4-1 Bolleys Issp, 9-2 Her-mony in Red, 8-1 Epic Stand, 16-1 Tichnikan, 20-1 Statton Sovereign

GOING: Firm.

STALLS: Im 4f 7 Im 6f - outside; remainder - inside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: High from 7f to 1m 4f.

Right-hand, undnitating course. Bran-in of 250 yels.

Course is on southern outsides of town, 4m W of junct. of M6. Bus service from Carlide station 2m. ADMINSMON: Club \$12 (OAPs & under-21s 59); Taxtersalis \$6 (OAPs & under-21s 58). CAR PARE: On rails \$3 (metaling occupants); remainder free.

(nb) 9.15 Alessandra

GOING: Good (Good to Soft patches). STALLS: Straight – stands' side; round-DRAW ADVANTAGE: High up to 1m.

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BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Jambo (2.45), Magical Midnight (4.15); As Thieres (visured, 4.45). ERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Bowelliffs Grange (4.45). won at Beverley on Thursday. LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Whater Scout (2.45) has been sent 287 miles by C Brooks from Lumbourn, Berksture; Bride's Reprisal (2.15) sent 296 miles by M Channon from Upper Lambourn, Berks.

2.15 MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES 1 000001 SPARSH VERDICT (10) (CI) Days Sinds 9 10 1 5ed (CLASS E) £4,200 added 2YO 5f BALLEYS IMP M Johnston 9 0...

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6.45 Roseate Lodge 7.15 Hever Golf Express 7.45 Indian Rocket 8.15 Total Rach 8.45 Atlantic Mist

Left-hand, undulating course.

Recerouse is on A466. Chepstow station (Cardiff – Gloucester line) Im. ADMINSION: Cmb 514; Tatiensells 510 (OAPs 56). Course

BLINKERED FURST TIME: Musta"t Grunable (visored, 6.46) Double Oscar (7.15), Indian Welf (7.15); Amnesty Bay (visored, 6.16).
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.
LONG-DISTANCE BUNNERS: Deable Oscar (7.15) & Sakharrov (8.15) ewt. 21 miles by M Admeson from Middleham, N Yorks; Reseate Lodge (8.45) sent 221 miles by S Kritlewell from Middleham, N Yorks.

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2.45 BURNETTS CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) 

- 9 declared -BETERNS: 9-4 Massalah, 7-2 Amosba, 5-1 Finsis/s Son, 6-1 Brook 7-1 Diet, 10-1 Winter Scout, 12-1 Jambo, 16-1 others 215 BARCLAYS BANK CUMBRIA HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5.100 ad

Wester 6 2 311223 THREE ARCH BRIDGE (1) (D) M Johnston 4 9 13 (Sec)

000003 ASTERIX (9) (C) (D) J M Badley 8 9 13 \_\_\_Mbs L Pearce 4 V 000-460 PREMIER SQUADRON (22) (D) R Pearce 7 9 12 \_\_\_\_\_

7.15 CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,450 added 370 7f

Minimum weight: 9st 7lb. True handlop weight: Verno 8st 3lb. BETUNE: 5-1 Koveslogo, 6-1 My Gellery, 7-1 Lorius Gold, Supr 8-1 Nooprob, Mr Cube, 8-1 Mr Novemind, 20-1 others

054-043 DOUBLE OSCAR (3) (BF) M Johnston 9 7.

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dict, 7-1 Society Girl, 14-1 Jungle Patrol, That

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4		SELVERONE KNOCHT (2) K Hogg 9 2 Detail McKeone 6
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		INDEPTIAR (25) F Lao 8 6
7		LIGHTH ORDIER (2) Mrs.J Rameden 8.3
8	0500-00	ETTERBY PARK (USA) (31) M Johnson 8 2 T Williams 5
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4\_15 (CLASS F) £3,450 added 3YO 6F 24005-3 ANSWERS-TO-THOMAS (12) J M Jefferson 9 (1\_D Mcd

2 BARRIER KING (USA) (12) P Cale 9 0.

NOVAN ROCKET (19) (BF) J Duntop 9 0...

SURPRISE EVENT W.G.M. Turner 9.0. 5 TINKERBELL (34) Lord Hunangton 89... - 8 declared -

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605 NATTER (12) Sr Mark Prescot 8 11. - 11 declared -

BETTING: 11-4 Wire Act, 7-2 Anovers-To-Thomas, 5-1 Meis Baby, 6-1 Net Ser, 8-1 Febry Highlands, 10-1 Time To Fly, Katle Komalta, 12-1 others

4.45 JENNINGS BITTER APPRENTICE HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,450 added 5f

- 20 deciared -BETIBNC 5-1 Saidarov, 11-2 Rever's Roost, 6-1 Tony's Mist, Moving Up, 8-1 Komodo, 10-1 Miss Laughter, 12-1 others 8.45 WELSH HANDICAP (CLASS D) SKY 5040-06 ALAFLAK (84) WR Ham 5 9 10. - a common - a common - a common - BETING: 9-4 imperial President, 5-2 Burrier King, 3-1 indian Rocket, 8-1 Hodita, 10-1 Kemurua, Surprise Beest, 16-1 others 030-056 GLORIANA (115) Lady Hemes 4 9 1........ 554-101 ROUFONTAINE (117) (C) W Mar 5 8 13.... 33000-0 GAME PLOY (POL) (27) D Haydn Jones 4 8 12 ....Pet Eddary 5 8.15 EVENING SELLING HANDICAP (CLASS G) £3,000 added 1m

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O3232-1 SMCMARDV (17) M Johnston 7 10 0 Mf Roberts 15 O6/OR-2 RAVERTS ROOST RS A Charabastan 5 9 6 Plackt 3 310-000 RRDMAN RHAPSODY (3) (D) A Balley 4 9 6 P Bloomfield 17 OAOY BEYOND OUR REACH (959) (D) R Hodges 8 9 6 9.15 MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) SKY 257-24 ALESSANDRA (36) B Hits 8 11.... 5 COH SHO NO (12) I Baking 8 11... 05000-0 DOCORES POOL (10) (0) P Bustons 695..... D R McCabe 16 V 2-62 LOTH LORSEN (USA) (19) P Chapple-Hyam 8 11 .... 14 0623/00- QUEEN OF SHANNON (514) A Carol 89 0...... D Herrison 10

### 6.30 SEA PALLING APPRENTICE HANDICAP (CLASS 6) £3,000 added 1m 2f YARMOUTH TE

6.30 Studio Thirty 7.00 Our Kevin 7.30 Don Pepe 8.00 Larissa 8.30 Sedburgh 9.00 Voodoo

Left-hand course, level and fair.

Rececuase is N of lown on Al 19. Yarmouth station Im. AD-MISSION; Club 512: Tatersalls 58.50; Family and course enclosure \$4.50. CAR PARK: \$1.

BLINKERS FIRST THAE: Madam Poppy (visored, 7.00); Fan Of Vest-Axia (7.00), Welcome La (7.30). Welcome La (7.30) won you with MESS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Don Pepe (7.30) won at Goodwood on Thursday; Sea-Deer (7.30) won here yesterday; Seaborgia (8.30) won at Carterick on Samriay. Seebergh (8.30) won at Catterick on Saturday.

LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Mellors (7.30) has been sent 227 miles by 1 Toller from Witssbury, Hants; Seebergh (8.30) & Vallee (8.30) sent 203 miles by Mrs M Revoley from Lingdale, Cleveland; Still Here (6.30) sent 201 miles by M Heaton-Ellis from Wroughton, Witsshire.

7.00 REPPS SELLING STAKES (CLASS 6) £3,000 added 270 7f

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7.30 WEATHERBYS VAT HANDICAP (CLASS E) £5,000 added 67 

urn weight: 7st 10th. Two heruiche weight: Welcome Lu 7st 7to. Nitt 9-4 Sen-Deer, 11-4 Mellers, 7-2 Den Pupe, 10-1 Ned Admirel, Samsolom, Missile Toe, Our Sheries, 14-1 others

8.00 AMEC MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS SKY) 0-06 MOHANIMO (33) (EF) J Hills 9 0 .... 0-5 POLAR CHAMP (12) S Woods 9 0 ..... RETICENT J Gooden 9 0 ..... 30 11/BABA (1/SA) (22) H Thomson Jones 8 9..... .....R His 1

-> tecrared -SETTING: 5-4 Reticent, 6-4 Lariest, 6-1 Lisbabe, 7-1 Mohamad, 10-1 Po-lar Clamp

8.30 SOMERTON CLASMING STAKES SKY 032401 SEDBERGH (USA) RS Mrs M Reveloy 9 7... 000000 LAHRK (LS) R May 8 1.1 00002 MATHON (S) M CIRTRON S 11... BETTING: 4-7 Sechergh, 3-1 Mathon, 8-1 Share 9.00 APPLEGATE H'CAP (CLASS E) SKY

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Minimum weight: 7st 10th. True handicap weights: Sphen Princess 7st 9th, Ele

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rovecasi: 212.50. Computer Straight 1980: £33.55. Theast: £117.36. The:

3.00: 1. GREY KINGDOM (Dale Cabson) 6-1; 2. Murphy's Gold 4-1; 3. Three Arch Bridge 2-1 fav. 8 am. 14, 2. (M Britzin, Newmarkst). Tota: £7.80; £1.90, £1.40, £1.20. DR: £9.70. CSF: £28.78. Tricast:

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DF: £17.40, CSF; ELIDAN, INDEX AND THE STREET FROM THE STREET Cigar's bruised right front in the Hollywood Gold Cup on 30 June at Hollywood Park. Cigar may now run next in the Pacific Classic on 10 August at Del Mar.

### NEWBURY 4.00 Celidh Star 4.30 Alpine Hideaway 2.00 Ocean Ridge 2.30 Hii Rhapsody

5.00 Flying Pennant

3.30 Sh GOING: Good to Pirm. STALLS: Straight course, centre; round course – DRAW ADVANTAGE: ligh for 5f to 1m on straight course. Left-hand course.
Course is SE of town near A34, Sutton adjoins course. ADMISSION: Members 513 (Juniors up to 21 years half-price); Tattersalis S8; Silver Ring S3 (OAPs half price). CAE PARK: Free; Picric area S3 per car plus S3 per person.

3.00 Hi Nod

ELEADING TRAINERS WITH EUNNERS: F Chapple-Byam — 36 winners from 169 runners gives a success ratio of 25.0% and a loss to a 51 level stake of 53.45; R Estamon — 33 winners, 440 runners, 7.59%, -\$203.00; J Gooden — 31 winners, 125 runners, 24.0%, +249.24; R Charlton — 19 winners, 107 runners, 17.0%, +29.24; R Charlton — 19 winners, 107 runners, 17.0%, +29.24 BE ERRORING JOCKETTS: J Reid: — 47 winners, 250 trides, 17.7%, -51.96; Faz Eddery — 43 winners, 258 trides, 16.7%, -525.47; L Dettord — 38 winners, 208 trides, 18.3%, +542.00; W Carson — 34 winners, 216 trides, 15.7%, -510.67.

BLINKERS PIRST TIME: Hubbard (4.00).
WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS: Emobaleonous (5.00) win at Chester on Priday.
LONG-DESTANCE EUNNERS: Hi Nod (3.00) has been sent 225 miles by M Carmacho from Norton, N Yorks.

2.00 EBF KENNETT MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,000 added 270 6f Penaity Value £3,727

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ten Balding has been quiet of late but PAPUA could just be the one to upstage the Lambourn tailanh horse Ocean Ridge. Papua is drawn well and is from a good family, being related to Beginn Air. Ocean Ridge is from a stable that has a good still-rate on this course. Well drawn too, she is the only fifty in the race and is by Storm Bird from a sponting family. John Gosden won the last year and Marthool, who is out of the staying juvenide blajmu, wanner of the one mile May Hill Stakes at Doncaster, should go well. Rated Homon's Ellens Lad is a late feel who may need the run, but John Dunton has his juveniles in fine form so Exmellink Examiliance, an early feel, can be considered. Share Delight is one of three Barry Hills runners and he is also an early feel from the tamby of the classy Sure Blade.

2.30 KINGSCLERE STAKES (CLASS B) £10,000 added 2YO 6F Penalty Value £8,011 PUN GALORE (USA) (Mas H Al Makoum B Hills 8 11 ...
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There are good reports of WOLF MOURTAIN, who is a Selvirk half-brother to Niche. Franke Detton is booked. Indiget is a nicely-bred Chief's Crown colt out of a mare who won over this tip as a puversio, ian Balding, who won this list year, thes ugain with Tainna, a Selvirk filly. Barry Hills has two in the race, Pum Galore and Peartires House. Fum Galore is a Gone West colt out of a well-related 71 winner, while Peartires House is from the farmly Mund Games and Insh Quineas winner Front Row. Hill Rhapeody was o debut winner at Laicester, but has been beaten at Goodwood.

Selection: WOLF MOURTAIN

3.00 GEORGE SMITH MEMORIAL RATED HANDICAP (CLASS B) £13,000 added 7f Penalty Value £8,136 

Ocean Grave 1995: Celestral Key 5 9 3 D Holland 9-2 (M Johnston) 12 ran FORM GLIDE

Misurice Carnacho does not raid the south that often so the tip should be taken regarding HI NOD, who will relish the ground and is top form after reappearing to defy 1.0st at Donesster. His rating has inched up 2th, buthe could win this with his aim of foot. Charlie Stillett could be a steel at the weights on his progressive form of last season, but the ground is a worry after looking good in the must at Haydock last October. The ground was good in places when he won later at Donesster and he is bypassed even after a good rung at Goodwood over an inscieguate trip (50). Prime Lara trotted up at Beverley and This but the sparke wee missing in the Thirsk Hurt Cup (1m) off this raised handicap mark. Prime Lara is back over his winning trip, but the grade is a lot stronger. It will take an inspired rick by Pat Eddary to get Everglades home with the off-timer drawing a blank last season. Beaten seven lengths when fifth to HI Nod at York last October, he has a 9th put. Classic Sity was in form when third in her race last year and is without recent action. It, has been some time since Capana won and Sasseede gave him weight and a beating last, time, while Ocean Growe looks best with some cut, though he ran well over the wrong trip (50) when third to Fond Embrace at Haydock last time.

Selection: HI NOD

3.30 BALLYMACOLL STUD STAKES (CLASS A) (Listed) £17,000 added 3YO filies 1m 2f Penalty Value £11,990 A McGlone 9 \_W Carson 7

Shawantal, a three-length stoth to Ta Rib in the French 1,000 Guineas, won with a turn of foot on her juvenile debut at Yarmouth for Barry Hels, but this is going to be a true test of Stamina and SARDONIC strode out like a champion on the fast ground to make a warning debut at Satisbury four weeks ago. The opposition was week, but the win leaf a lasting mynession. Like Sardonic, Balastillas, who cost a \$10,000 gm as a yearing, could be anything often her debut win at Kempton. She stayed on well other leading two furforgs out and the third Wardering Star won in good style at Selsbury on Tuesday. A full-start to Stagecraft, she will be cherry-nipe today after that experience. Calcurat are five modest heals regard on her debut at Ripon, but could find this ground too lock. Sardonich: stablemate Kindochawa falled to see off Bathide at York, while Flames Valley does not look up to the task on her Sandown fourth to Quota. Caribbean Quest tooked good on her debut at Leosate, but has not not na snoe the Prix Marcel Boussac on unsutable ground last October. The best outsider is Parrot Juagile, unplaced in lasty lost time but previously an unfucify loser against Sea Spray at Kempton.

4.00 FURLONG CLUB HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,500 added 3YO 1m 4f Penalty Value £3,974 

BETTING: 7-2 Temptress, 4-1 Present Arms, 9-2 Willie Resiston, 5-1 Four Weddings, Collide Star, 6-1 Sally's Tuins, 7-1 Regal Engle, 14-1 others 1995: Monerch 3 9 7 7 Qurin 5-2 (P Cole) 6 Ren

Gurmair would not have to improve that much on his juvenue form to collect. He finished the season with a fine shift to No Cliches in a Doncaster nursery and his seasonal showing in the soft at Sendown is best ignored. PRESENT ARMS is out to emulate stablemate Monarch's win 12 months ago, His Juvenite form was not much but he lot mate Monarch's win 12 months ago, His Juvenite form was not much but he lot to relish this step up in distance after his second to Traceability at Warwol, where unlucky after feating to get a clear run. Multitude cennot be trusted after poor sho week handicape. Collific Star is another worth opposing after her second when plarny weight to Orinoco River at Pontafract last week.

Selection: PRESEN

4.30 BUCKLEBURY MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,100 added 370 7f Penalty Value £4,046

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CO PLYINES (HABOLD (223) (Ms Gan Mary Bresin) B Honbury 9 0.

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5.00 LEVY BOARD APPRENTICE HANDICAP (CLASS E) £5,100 added 1m Penalty Value £3,501 

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4.15: 1. SEA-DEER (L Dettort) 11-4 fav

With Care. 5.15: 1. SISTAR ACT (A Eddey) 6-1: 2. Paris Bens tar, 3. Alresh 11-4, 6 rm, 14-7, 14-4, (M. Channon, Upper Lamboum), Total 56-30; £1-60, £1-40, DF: £4-50, CSF: £12-15.

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cast: £1.80. Computer Straight Forecast: 2.180. Tric: £20.60.
2.30: 1. DOMENELLE (M Brich) 4-1 ft fav;
2. Rotherfield Park 7-1; 3. Respect A Secret 4-1 ft fax. 12 ran, Nr. 34. (T Existry, Matter). Tota: £5.90; £2.20, £1.70, £2.30.

TENNIS: Britain's leading singles players suffer a pre-Wimbledon setback in west London

# Henman and Rusedski dispatched

JOHN ROBERTS reports from Queen's Club

The British challenge was terminated in the second round of the Stella Artois Championships here yesterday by the expertise and experience of two players who are best known in the company of others (and, no, Thomas Muster, the Duchess of York's friend, was not one of them).

Tim Henmar, was defeated by Andrei Olhovskiy, who part-ners Yevgeny Kafelnikov in the Russian Davis Cup team, and Greg Rusedski lost to Tood Woodbridge, who forms the world's No I doubles team with his Australian compatriot Mark Woodforde.

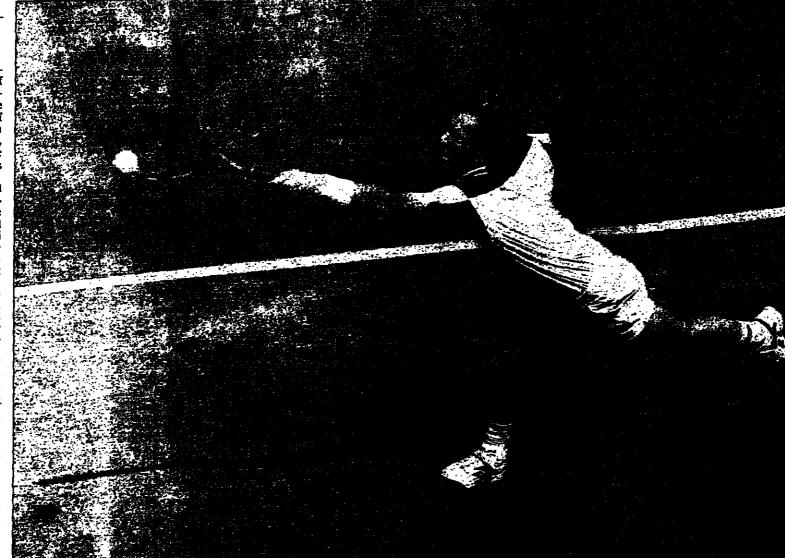
Both Britons, who are due to play in Nottingham next week, acknowledged that much work is required in the 12 days before the start of Wimbledon, Henman, beaten 6-7, 6-4, 6-3 by Olhovskiy, was particularly disappointed with his forehand returns. Rusedski, dispatched 6-1. 6-4 by Woodbridge, was concerned about the quality of the second shots he has to play after pounding down his serves.

Henman performed well until midway through the second set. The 21-year-old from Oxford saved three set points at 45 in the opening set, and gained the initiative in the ticbreak by confidently returning a second serve down the line for 4-1: the very forehand shot which was to cost him later.

Although broken in the third game of the second set, Henman had two opportunities to recover to 3-3, only for the forehand to desert him. "My forehand return let me down a lot today," Henman said, "and when you can pinpoint something as precisely as that it gives you something to go away and work on.`

Olhovskiy may be ranked 49 places below Henman, at No 110, but he has the all-court skills to profit on any surface. He demonstrated that as a Wimbledon qualifier in 1992, eliminating Jim Courier, the No I seed, in the third round.

The Russian broke in the opening game of the final set and wore Henman down in the third. After saving four break points, the Briton double-faulted to offer a lifth, which Olhovskiy converted



Aussie rules: Mark Woodforde reaches for the ball during his victory over Brian MacPhie at Queen's Club yesterday

with a backhand down the line. Henman briefly raised hope among his supporters on Court No 1 by breaking Olhovskiy with a splendid backhand lob when the Russian served for the match at 5-2, but lost his own serve in the next game. There was less to enthuse

about in Rusedski's case. Woodbridge presented him with the opportunity of a dream start by twice double-faulting en route to 0-40 in the opening game, but Rusedski was unable to convert any one of five break points. A sixth was presented in the fifth game, only to be whisked away by the Australian's volley. "It was one of those days you want to put behind you, Rusedski

Woodbridge, who, at 5ft 10in, is on the small side by modern tennis standards, has the ability to turn opponents' strengths against them. T was lucky to get out of that first game," he ad-mitted. 'I just hung together, and from then on I returned well and nullified his weapon [Rusedski's serve]. Everything else in my game is better, and I think that showed."

The Australian, who hopes to continue his penchant for frustrating the big servers by forcing them to play more shots than they find comfortable, appreciates that Rusedski and his ilk are perfectly capable of retaliating. "Unfortunately, on certain days you can't beat these guys," Woodbridge said.

"They serve too big and take a swing at your serves and their returns go in." Apart from losing the match, Rusedski had some of his tennis clothing stolen from the locker-rooms. Michael Stich, who lost to Kafelnikov in last Sunday's

6-7, 6-2, but was not impressed. 'I'm still trying to work out in my mind how I lost in Paris," the German said. Stefan Edberg advanced with 7-6, 6-3, win against Australia's Sandon Stolle, and Goran Ivanisevic scarcely paused for breath in dismissing the Czech Martin Pamm, 6-2, 6-2, in only

French Open final, defeated the

American Michael Joyce, 7-6,

41 minutes. Results, Sporting Digest, page 24

# in tie-break drama

Nathalie Tauziat, the second seed from France, made one of the greatest of escapes when she beat Thailand's Tamarine Tanasugarn 4-6, 7-6, 6-3 in the second round of the DFS Classic

at Edgbaston yesterday. Tauziat, playing her first match on grass since last year's Wimbledon, not only lost the first set but trailed 6-0 in the tiebreak in the second. Yet from this near-impossible position of six match-points down, Tauziat won the next eight points to take the second set and then romped through the third.

Afterwards a relieved Tauziat explained: "She missed the first match point with a close call and then I played very well. I served good, hit winners and

Tauziat felt the first match point was the crucial one. "She hit the ball just over the line and when the line judge called 'out', this man, who I think was her father, sitting on the side of the court, yelled 'Oh, my God'. "I thought, what is he wormatch points. What did I do when I won the set? I just

bourne tournament the week before Wimbledon last year, started badly because she explained: "This was my first match on grass for a year as I received a tye in the first round here. Tamarine played two matches in the qualifying and a first-round match and knew how to play. Fortunately, I found out what to do myself just in time. And when I had to do it, I did it."

Before Tauziat's Houdini act, three British girls, Clare Wood. Sam Smith and Karen Cross, were all beaten in the first round. Wood, who won the Beckenham tournament only last Saturday, was beaten 6-3, 6-1 by the big-serving American left-hander Nicole Arendt, Smith went down 7-5, 6-3 to Miriam Oremans, of the Netherlands, and Cross lost 6-2, 6-2 to Maria Straudlund of Sweden.

# Tauziat breaks Thai

rying about? She has five more looked up to heaven."

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More than just a hairy hard man

ister stare - Trifon Ivanov was sporting a shining black eye Spain at Elland Road last The 30-year-old de-

fender is a fearsome sight at the best of times, and this ad-ditional facial decoration merely enhanced his reputation as a hard ities will be needed more than ever at St James' Park today, where the Bulgarians take on their Balkan neighbours. Romania, minus his

experienced defensive sidekick Petar Hubchev, in Spain and Switzerland's

who was sent off against Spain. In that match, Ivanov did more than most to restrict enna, whom he helped to the the capable Spaniards to one, slightly lucky, goal. He is much While with Neuchâtel he had more than just a hatchet man, a trial with Coventry - which he is quick over short distances ended when he was sent off in and reads the game well. His a reserve-team fixture. long-range shooting is also a

As if his appearance was not all he twice warried Andoni Zulvirardy sufficiently threatening - long the 30-vard range but a sufficient the 30-vard range but a sufficient to the 30-vard threatening - long the 30-yard range that shaved hair, wild beard and a cold, sin-the woodwork.

His only good in nine appearances in the qualifiers was a when his side drew 1-1 with long-range blast; it was scored in the fifth minute at Cardiff Arms Park and it set up the

Bulgarians for an armgant 3-0 win, in which he did more than most to show the debutant Vinnic Jones how to be a tough guy and a

footballer. Although Ivanov has established himself on the international stage, his club career has not taken him to any of Eu-rope's glamour clubs, After leaving CSKA Sofia, he had

Neuchâtel Xamax before moving last summer to Rapid Vi-Cup-Winners' Cup final. While with Neuchâtet he had

**EURO 96** 

No 4: A canal-side pub near Old Trafford was charging a £1 entrance fee on Sunday. Have you come across any monster rip-offs? It so, fax details to Euro-spy on 0171 293 2894.

### Sheffield join in the festivities



whose proud boast is that they are the world's oldest football club - they were formed in 1856 - are doing their bit to keep both visiting Euro 96 supporters and

locals entertained. Sheffield are taking part in a triangular international tournament along with another local non-League side. Hallam (formed 1860) and the Danish chub, Hvidovre, who-will play Sheffield at Owlerton Stadium (less than a mile from Hillsborough) on Sat-

On Sunday (11am) Shef-Hvidovre on Monday (7pm)

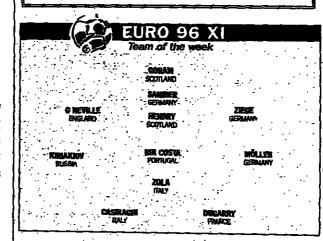
### Bulgarians take to the high road

So farewen them.
Scarborough. Bulgaria's squad yesterday packed their So farewell then. bags and moved out of their training camp at the Raven Hall Hotel at Ravenscar, near the East Yorkshire resort.

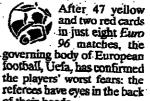
The country's football federation eventually bowed to pressure from the players, who had complained about lack of facilities and long journeys to Leeds and Newcastle. The squad will stay two nights in Stockton and then move on to Newton Aycliffe on Friday to take over rooms vacated by Romania, who move to Leeds to prepare for their final match field play Hallam in a summer against Spain next Wednesday, "derby" while Hallam take on Scarborough Borough Council, which sponsored the Bulat their Sandygate ground. garians' visit to the tune of Further details from Graeme £25,000, is trying to get some

### FOOTBALL: THE UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE "Eric? C'est qui, cet Eric? On ne le connaît

which is French for: "Eric? Who's this Eric? We've never heard of the geezer."



### Vibrators come to the aid of referees



referees have eyes in the back of their heads. Referees have been wearing armband radio receivers which emit a bleep when acof each linesman's flag. The armband also vibrates to act as a signal when the referee is

unable to hear the bleep over

the noise of the crowd.

The optional extra for referees has been used in Swiss League matches for the last two seasons. "This is an invaluable help during moves when the referee has his back to the linesmen, when the bench is trying to make a substitution, or when a linesman wishes to attract his attention to something which has happened behind his back," a Uefa spokesman said

Meanwhile, Uefa has denied that it has ordered a ref-

yesterday,

After 47 yellow and two red cards in just eight Euro 96 matches the large number of yellow cards so far. Uefa's spokesman added: "Officials have only received two printed sheets of technithe players' worst fears; the cal instructions, much of which is devoted to details such as the provision of drinks

to players during matches.
"The Ucfa referees' committee stresses that, in a tourtivated by a button on the shaft nament lasting a whole month, the important thing is to apply the laws of the game as uniformly as possible.

"However, the instructions urge referees to be strict with players who push or hold back opponents, in penalising fouls which could cause injuries and in penalising with a freekick and a red card violent tackles which offer no oppor-

tunity to play the ball.

"Euro 96 referees are also urged to caution players who feign a foul, especially inside the penalty area. Clear cases of diving will be punished with a yellow card." Jürgen Klinsmann had better rethink

«Jennis? prefer the French Open» The best loved premium beer in France.

### **Britons winded** by conditions

STUART ALEXANDER

A routine random test for drugs at the end of a frustrating day was something that Britain's reigning champions, John Merricks and Ian Walker, could have done without at the 470 Europeans off Hayling Island

yesterday. Finishing 23rd and 13th saw them slip from third overall to fourth in conditions where the only thing they seemed able to rely on was that if they took a decision, it would be the wrong one. Fortunately, others were having the same problem.

nov, of Russia, and the world one place to seventh overall. ranked No is, Andreas Kosmatopoulos and Kostas Trigonis, of Greece, have pulled away at the top. The Martians, as they are known because of their sponsorship by Mars, have some work to do over the last

"It was very tricky out there for everybody," Jim Saltonstall, the Olympic coach, said, describing wind conditions, which erratically switched in direction from north-west to south and varied in strength. It was enough to cause the abandonment and re-running of the second race of the day.
"Also, there were a few times

when we didn't cash in on some good chances," Saltonstall said. He then went to work on some personal counselling for Bethan Raggatt and Sue Carr. Despite Carr having to helm the first leg of the second race as Raggatt fixed an insecure knot in the rope controlling the mainsail, having the same problem.

What they cannot ignore is that the leaders, Dmitry Berezkin and Evgeny Burmat-

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### **Bowe lowers sights**

Boxing

Riddick Bowe has held all versions of the world championship but his immediate career is now set on a non-title course.

Having handed back the World Boxing Organisation heavyweight title he won from Norwich's Herbie Hide 15 months ago, Bowe is to meet Poland's Andrew Galota in New York on 11 July.

medalist could lead Bowe to a fight against another former WBO champion, Ray Mercer, whose career has been revitalised by his storming but unsuccessful performance against Lennox Lewis last month.

Loudon's Henry Akinwande, meanwhile, will meet the Russian southpaw Alexander Zolkin for the vacant WBO title in Palm Springs on 29 June - and if Akinwande wins, the promoter Frank Warren wants to And victory against the medal set up an all British title fight list at the Barcelona Olympics with Scott Welch.

### Maldini came out on top because he has a more profound understanding of defensive play than anyone since Bobby Moore

Instead of filling their heads with full-back who has no equal in the less than 10 to thwart Yanovski, clospretentions thoughts about formations and tactics, lay football en-thusiasts would be better served by attention to qualities that have established Paolo Maldini as the outstanding Italian footballer of his

By this I mean not just Maldini's mastery of technique, the sureness of his touch and delivery, but the nous he further demonstrated against Russia at Anfield on Tuesday when coming up against Andrei

A fundamental truth about football, one many of today's students fail to fully appreciate, is that tactical developments have done nothing to diminish the importance of

game and a winger whose pace and directness regularly causes conster-nation in the Premiership was bound to quicken the pulse and provide re-

lief from the impression that coaches have taken over the tournament. Here, in fact, was an encounter that could have fitted into any period of football history. Maldini came out on top because he has a more profound understanding of defensive play than anyone since Bobby Moore, who had no equal among

A safe bet is that Maldini will not miss a match through suspension. Risking a referee's wrath does not fig-ure on his agenda. Maldini demonstrated this when recovering from a rare moment of positional misjudgement, making up three yards in a good team to beat them."

ing the Russian down without needing to put a foot in. By then Kanchelskis had wandered off to try his luck elsewhere, probably cursing

the talent Maldini was born with.

Drooling over Maldini's accom-

plishments, the congnoscenti formed a good impression of the Italian team; excellent combination and mutual understanding indicates that teamwork, as ever, has been high on the curriculum. You can say as much about the Germans who have already drawn the admiration of professionals. "They look very good," said Arsenal's assistant manager, Stewart Houston. "Obviously very well pre-

pared and, their goalkeeper apart,

strong in every position. It will take



However, the way things have shaped up so far there is room for some individual attacking brilliance and a big improvement in long-range shooting. No complaints have been registered about the ball but one or

**KEN JONES** 

find no other explanation for the

A personal complaint is that the football authorities again appear to be using a a major event to promote the spurious notion that the game would improve no end if they legislated against tackling.

The team that succeeds could possibly be the one that adapts best to prevailing attitudes. It may suggest a surfeit of efficiency, but the coach who studies referees closely on the clear understanding that they are seldom hampered by consistency could gain a crítical advantage.

What we have been looking at so far is an international football tournament very little different in character from any other. You are always the players have settled down and the coaches have a clearer idea of

what they are coming up against. We shall have to wait and see how this applies to England but, as they say about racehorses, it is possible the Switzerland match may have brought them on a bit.

During the 24 hours following the publication of fresh reports concerning the extracurricular activity of some England players it was agreed generally in discussion that they are naive to the point of stupidity.

What appears to escape them is that people profit from tipping off tabloid newspapers. It is like walking on to a building sight without a hard hat and complaining about be-ing hit on the head by a falling riv-

two people I have spoken to who likely to learn more from the sec-earn their living from the game can ond than the first matches. By then vanced by Terry Venables it does not

mind quite indefensible. The biliousness with which Venables and his squad are now regarding people assigned to report on their preparation for Saturday's critical match against Scotland is not vithout precedent, but a siege mentality does not guarantee an im-

proved performance. Maybe it has something to with the quite ridiculous attention now given to players in the Premiership but England are almost alone with the cult of personality. "We have no stars," the German coach, Berti Vogts, said this week. "The star is the team." Hardly a stirring philosophy but not one you would rush in

Scots are

feeling

sorry for

Gazza

In keeping with their image as the teetotalling, celibate an-tithesis of England, closer in spirit to Cliff Richard and

Mother Teresa than to Jim Baxter and Jimmy Johnstone, Scotland's players yesterday resisted all invitations to fuel the criticism of Paul Gascoigne before Saturday's Group A "derby" at Ally McCoist, one of Gascoigne's Rangers colleagues. sounded more pastor than prankster as he defended Engand's troubled totem. "I'm going to try to have a word with Gazza," he said, "I feel sorry for him, the way he's been treated by the press."
Stuart McCall also struck a blow for bluenose solidarity, despite the possibility that he may be asked to man-mark him. Gazza put a lot into the first hour against Switzerland and

was definitely England's best player. The stick he got was wrong - everything England created went through him."

Andy Goram, the Rangers goalkeeper, warned that "noising up" Gascoigne would be

counter-productive. "The last thing you want to do is to pro-

voke him. When he's up for it

he's the best player I've ever played with, including Brian

Craig Brown was asked whether Gascoigne would rate

a place in his own squad. "He

might get on the bench," the

Scotland manager replied,

tongue poking through cheek. "He's very capable and I think

most countries would be hap-

bluffing aside, Brown expects

Terry Venables to keep faith

with Gascoigne. Scotland's plan

for stifling "the most talented player in England's side" would

be informed, he maintained, by

the ways Scottish teams stonned

him last season - which few did.

Player of the Year award,"

Brown said. "He's got great

strength and vision as well as the

ability to run at defenders and

a magnificent reverse pass. He

set up a goal for [Nick] Barm-by in China with such a great

ball I could have run from the

dug-out and scored. I know

there are question marks over

his fitness, but I can assure you

I've seen him work for 90 min-

Unmoved by the bookies'

trimming Scotland's odds for winning Euro 96 from S0-1 to 66-

1, Brown insisted they remained

underdogs and the host nation favourites. Too many people have been writing England off. Their first-half performance

against the Swiss was excellent.

matches on video and it's been

flattering to see Terry change to the three-man defensive system

we've been using for a few

"I've seen nearly all their

utes in Scotland."

"He deservedly won our

Joking, bluffing and counter-

Laudrup."

**PHIL SHAW** 

# Memories of a Wembley winner



quently caught out by his de-

the went on to collect 28 caps, scoring eight goals, and played alongside Dalglish, Souness.

Hansen, Strachan and Nicholas

in what hindsight may claim as

pro's bit of saying things aren't

what they were," Robertson said. "In fairness to today's

team, we certainly never qual-

ified for the European Cham-

going back to the Laws, Baxters

and Bremners, but we had

problems gelling as a unit. You

watch the Germans, always reg-imented and disciplined. They

play with their heads. We played

with our hearts. We should've

The prospect of "gubbing" England had a knack of uniting

the Scots, whatever religion or

region they came from. Robert-

son laments the passing of the annual fixture, for as a boy in

Drumchapel he had fantasised

about donning the dark blue at

Wembley. Surprisingly, he feels

done far better."

"We always had great players,

pionships when I played.

"I'm reluctant to do the old

Scotland's last golden era.

Above: John Robertson, then a Nottingham Forest player, scores from the penalty spot to give Scotland a 1-0 victory over England at Wembley in 1981. Right: Robertson at work last month at the Leicester City training ground

Photographs: The Scotsman (above); Peter Jay (right)

hen the midfield gen-eral of Wollaton Hemaloud for a Scotland victory over England on Saturday, it is no or-dinary Nottinghamshire Sunday

League bruiser blethering. As the man who scored the goal which retained the European Cup for Nottingham Forest, and whom Brian Clough cast as both a genius in the Stanley Matthews mould and an overweight slob, John Robertson's place in football lore is assured. But Robertson has another claim to fame which he fervently hopes is no longer his come the final whistle at Wem-

Rewind to May 1701, 1701, 90,000 spectators are watching England play Scotland beneath 1000ers. A goalless the twin towers. A goalless game is in its 65th minute as Robertson takes up the story: "Davie Provan played a great long ball through. Steve Archibald came on to it on the blind side of Bryan Robson, who tripped him.

"It was a blatant penalty. My hands went up for it until I realised I was going to have to take it. I started panicking a bit. and it didn't help when Trevor Francis [a Forest team-mate] ran from the half-way line to tell Joe Corrigan where I was going

John Robertson is the last man to give Scotland victory at the English approached the game with similar primordial twin towers. As he tells **Phil Shaw**, it is a claim to fame that he fervently hopes will be displaced by Saturday evening

right, which was my favourite side. Big Joe dived to the left. When I asked him about it years later, he said he changed his mind at the last moment."

Scotland won 1-0, but the next three visits ended in defeat. After the 1989 meeting in Glasgow, the world's oldest international (dating back to 1872, and beyond if you count Bannockburn and Culloden) was scrapped. Robertson thus became the last Scot to score the winner against the auld enemy at Wembley.

Nowadays he assists an old Forest colleague, Martin O'Neill, by scouting for newly promoted Leicester City. At 43 he is still winning champi-onships, albeit in park football, and still mesmerising defenders with a skill which belies his thick-set frame and smoker's

As Clough put it: "When I felt off-colour I'd sit next to Robbo because then I'd look like Errol Flynn. Yet if you gave him a ball and a yard of grass, he became an artist." He hopes

"I stuck it exactly where he'd to live up to the second part of hug the left touchline were fresaid I would, to the keeper's that description in a veterans' match before Saturday's game.

Going off to represent Scot-land provided Robertson with "an escape" from his manager's tiresome teasing. He made the ill-fated trip to the 1978 World Cup in Argentina with a single cap to his name. "Looking back, Ally MacLeod made a mistake taking me," he admit-ted. "Although I'd just won the title with Forest, I was overawed by the stars around me.

"Ally put me in the side af-ter Willie Johnston was sent home for failing a drugs test. We drew 1-1 with Iran, not one of Scotland's greatest results, and

I had a nightmare."
After the finals, Jock Stein took over as manager. He was an "imposing, dominant fig-ure", not unlike Clough, al-though Robertson saw Stein as more of a coach: "He liked to work with a blackboard, ask everyone to do specific things, whereas Cloughie never really bothered."

Opponents who failed to see beyond the chunky winger's languid style and tendency to

"Alan Ball was the most obvious example, always going on about beating the Jocks. Sir Alf Ramsey was another. And I know Tony Woodcock and Trevor Francis were bitterly disappointed when we beat

Robertson remembers feeling mentally and physically drained after facing England. ("Mind you, I was knackered at the end of most games"). For this one, despite pre-tournament talk about the need for pa-tience, he predicts a "typical British cup-tie".

The day he scored against England, the stadium seemed to be wreathed in tartan. Ticket restrictions mean the Scots will for once be in a minority. Nevertheless, another imposing performance by Gary McAllister could, Robertson argues, tilt a tight tussle Scotland's way.

He had feared that Craig

Brown might have cut off his nose to spite his face by ignoring Richard Gough, but was heartened by Monday's backsto-the-wall draw with the Netherlands. The capacity to grind out results was an option seldom considered in his day. With Scotland bereft of natural attackers from the flanks.



how Brown must wish he could call on Clough's "shuffling hulk" now. "We used to have Davie Cooper, Davie Provan, Peter Weir and myself," Robert-son recalled, "and before that, Willie Henderson, Jimmy Johnstone, Willie Johnston and Eddie Gray.

"The likes of Liverpool and Aston Villa do well using wing-

backs, but genuine wingers ap-pear to be a dying breed. I honestly don't know why."

The width Robertson gave Scotland was too often obscured by talk about the width of his waist. The frenzy of Wembley, which he rose above 15 years ago, may be a reminder of what the game has lost in the interim.

### **Hottiger stands by** resolute defending

Marc Hottiger, the Everton defender, returns to the Switzerland side confident they can cause further frustration for the Netherlands in their Group A meeting today. Suspended for the 1-1 draw against England, Hottiger looks certain to replace Sehastien Jeanneret, the young right-back who was given a difficult time by Steve McMana-man until the Liverpool forward was substituted in the second half last Saturday.

Hottiger, who watched the Dutch fail to hit top form in the goalless draw against Scotland on Monday, said: "The way the Scots defended was very encouraging for us. The Dutch may be the most technically gifted team in the tournament but, if against England.

"Scotland had one or two they were under, but we have would regard playing three at-players capable of scoring goals. tackers against Holland as stu-After the England result I think pid. "Jorge said.

Switzerland v Netherlands Today, Villa Park 7.30pm

much more seriously now." Hottiger insists he is unconcerned that the Swiss will face a Dutch team playing their pair of out-and-out wingers, with Peter Hoekstra likely to replace Gaston Taument and Jordi Cruyff switching to his more natural role on the right. "We know Holland will attack us but it is my plan to turn the winger. I want to push him as deep as possible and help give us the initiative," Hottiger said.

Artur Jorge, the Swiss coach. is again ready to leave Stephane Chapuisat, the Borussia Dortwe can stop the early attacks like
Scotland did, we have the
chance to do the same as we did

stitute against England helped rescue the match at Wembley. "It's possible he could start chances despite the pressure this time but many coaches

other teams will have to take us

years. Whatever system he goes for, the Scottish team will be prepared for it. I'd also like to think he'll be worried about how we're going to play. All the pressure is on them." Talking of which. Brown be-lieves Venables is shrewd enough to turn England's tabloid tribulations to his advantage by creating a "perse-cution complex". "Alex

cution complex. Ferguson used it brilliantly at Aberdeen where he convinced his players the West of Scotland was against them, and he's still doing it now. I'm sure they'll be highly charged on Saturday." It remains to be seen whether

the same is true of John Spencer's mobile phone. "The boys at Chelsea have been telling me to make sure it's switched on after the game," the striker from the Gorbals revealed. "They reckon there'll be a few messages."

### Mikhailov the key player for Penev

Bulgaria's coach, Dimitar Penev, has paid a generous tribute to his goalkeeper, Borislav Mikhailov, who earns his living in

England with Reading.
Penev can call on world-class players like Hristo Stoichkov, Yordon Lechkov and Emil Kostadinov. However, he rates the 33-year-old Mikhailov above all others in his 22-man squad, saying: "He leads, he soothes,

Mikhailov will be back between the posts when Bulgaria face Romania at St James' Park today. He was outstanding in the I-1 draw with Spain in their opening match at Elland Road on Sunday, and is now hoping Bulgaria can improve on that performance against their neighbours. "We want to go into our final game against France with four points in the bag," the extrovert goalkeeper said. "We are looking forward to it as the match is like a derby. Yes, a bit like Reading v Oxford!"

The Bulgarian defender Petar Hubchev is ruled out after Florin Raducion.

### Bulgaria v Romania Today, St James' Park 4.30pm

being sent off against Spain, and that could open the door for Tsanko Tsvetanov to return to the side. Aberdeen's new signing, Ilian Kiriakov, could miss the match after pulling a leg muscle in the opening game.

Romania's coach, Anghel Iordansecu, has to decide whether to stick with goalkeeper Bogdan Stelea, whose blunder led to France's winner at St James' Park on Monday, or to recall Florin Prunea. "I have time to think and I am sleeping badly," Iordansecu admits. "We let in stupid goals all the time. I hope it is the last time because we need this victory against

Bulgaria. Nothing else will do." The defender Daniel Prodan is expected to replace Gheorghe Mihali after being ruled out for the opening game through sus-pension, while the striker Dinu Moldovan may play instead of

### Vogts relaxed on drink duty what he must do, and to relax and drink beer in the evening While the whole of England

apears to be in a ferment over its beer-swilling footballers, Germany's coach, Berti Vogts, yesterday admitted that his nation's baggage contained a con-signment of Bavarian brew and that there are no instructions on when it should be drunk.

Vogts was asked whether he had any objection to players collect his 50th cap against the Russians at Old Trafford on

having a drink after a game.
"There are no instructions whatsoever and we honestly admit that we do have some Bavarian beer with us," he said. The Bayern Munich defender Thomas Helmer, who will

is no problem. "You do not play bad because you go to a disco, or you drink something, or smoke. It's not the reason for this; there must be other reasons. It really comes from what you do on the field, Sunday, said: "Every player how you play. You must have discipline then you can win."

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'It was a blatant penalty. My hands went up for it until I realised I was going to have to take it'

JOHN ROBERTSON on why he would like to be replaced in the Wembley history books

# England's management miss the point

Glenn Moore is unimpressed as Bryan

Robson carries the attack to the media

When the press were allowed into Bisham Abbey yesterday it chest with his traitors' jibe on know that for a fact. But I read reports saying we are the only looked as if Terry Venables had Tuesday, Venables was in a more finally cracked. There was Bryan Robson hitting crosses and David Seaman attempting to volley them past Alan Shearer

Fortunately this was not the England coach's latest experiment. It was evidence that, for all the criticism and pressure, his players were still capable of enjoying themselves. Unfortunately, their capacity to do so nately, their capacity to do so joying themselves. Unfortuis a mixed blessing. Saturday body is telling me that is going night's alleged 2.30am players' to wreck his performance in a drinking session in an Essex nightclub, and the coverage of ful atmosphere in the England

amenable mood yesterday but his assistant, Robson, still had a few impassioned words to say.

We are coming into a competition and we are all supposed to be together for England," he said. "I have seen a lot of rubbish talked. Paul Ince goes to a private barbecue and there is a photo of him on the front of a match a week away I can't see it. That [coverage] is detrimental [to England].
The Germans were out hav-

team that has a few beers - if we are so naive as to think that, and are going to make such a hype about it, we may as well forget about [press conferences] because you may as well write what you want to write and knock the

players however you want to." Robson's words underlined the anger within the England camp but, like Venables, he missed the point. Venables had also said that other teams like a drink, including the Italians, and that, when the Irish do it, it is applauded. What he did not mention was that the Italians drink wine, and then strictly in moderation, and the Irish, as with the

so exhausted at 4pm, out club-bing at 2.30am, becozing or not. The pity of it is those players who took the sensible option and kept a low profile are - as

The key word is victory. You

can get away with a lot if you are

winning, but if the performance

is poor the presentation must be

beyond reproach. Night-clubbing

into the early hours after such a

jaded display as Saturday's is so

obviously stupid it smacks of ar-

rogance. Anyone who paid £25

to £100 to be at Wembley was

bound to be piqued at seeing Teddy Sheringham, who looked

it as a team and after a victory. with the Cathay Pacific incident - tarred with the same brush. One wonders if this is really conducive to team spirit.

That said some of the coverage of England, on and off the pitch, is way over the top and Robson made a very valid point when he said this was inhibiting players' performances. "The younger players are frightened to death to play for England because of the publicity they get for absolutely anything," he

"I thought Gary Neville played very well against Norway in October but he had a nervous young kid so he gets tense. He is wondering about his performance in the next game.

"I don't care how thickskinned you are, if you are being criticised every day for three weeks you are going to get apprehensive, no one is that tough. People should be encouraging them to play for England, not knocking them. They are young lads, now and again they will be out of order, but in general they land. We will have to play the work very hard. Apart from a couple of nights they have prepared very well for this game." Neville has not harboured a grudge - in China he stunned the

media by helping a veteran photographer carry his equipment

being, he said, drawn into mild but unintended criticism of England's build-up on television last week, he again faced the

press with his customary honesty. 'Switzerland did to us what we have been seeking to do to oth-er teams," he said of Saturday. "They kept pushing us back, we retreated and stopped putting

pressure on the man on the ball.
"We now have to beat Scotgame, not the occasion. It's wrong to suggest the Scots are more passionate about it. England are just as hyped up. They just show it more."

Meanwhile David Platt pulled out of training yesterday with a

first 10 minutes and he is criti-cised to the hilt. He's only a Great Wall. Yesterday, despite derton is troubled by a tight ham string. Both are likely to play if fit as England are expected to revert to a three-man defence to counter the Scots' midfield strength. The big question is

who plays in the centre? Tony Adams has 41 caps and nine years international experience. Gareth Southgate made his international debut in December. But on Saturday Southgate looked far more comfortable. If Duncan Ferguson was playing for Scotland the choice would be obvious but, against the less physically daunting, but more nimble Gordon Durie and Scott Booth, Southgate should be preferred.

Germans take a swig, page 27

### ing a few drinks on Monday, I Germans on Monday, do Organisers probe illegal ticket sales

Euro 96 officials are investigating an organisation illegally selling tickets for Saturday's match between England and

Tickets agencies contacted by the Independent yesterday said that they were not dealing in Euro 96 tickets. One agency, however, provided the telephone number of someone who could supply tickets. Prices started at £90 for tickets with a face value of £25. £35 tickets were available at £125, £45 at £150 and more exclusive tickets were "by arrangement". Asked if the organisation would be able to provide a dozen tickets, the

seating was required.

The re-sale of football tickets is illegal under the Criminal Justice Act and the organisers of Euro 96 are especially keen to monitor ticket sales and keep rival fans apart. The England-Scotland game, the first be-tween the sides since 1989, is potentially one of the most volatile fixtures of the tournament in terms of crowd trouble.

A spokesman for Euro 96 said that it was impossible to control who used every single ticket. He cited the example of foreign fans living in England who may have bought tickets in this country and thus be seated with English fans. He added: "We will investigate all reports of tickets seller replied that it would not being sold at inflated prices in be a problem. No questions breach of the regulations." Ul-

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10 Obvious setback for disap-

pointed Labour group (4) 11 Event which is up and run-

includes everyone (6)

13 Decline to confront Thai-

15 Arrange for promotion of

Detective Inspector, in huff

after falling into river (8)

18 Skin inflammation resulting from blow? (8)

land's legislature (4)

12 Venerate in a manner which

in plant (S)

Gary McAllister, the Scotland ton, while Phil Masinga is bound for Grasshopper Zurich. Incoming could be Shay Given. the Blackburn Rovers goal-

> Flowers' understudy. Bixente Lizarazu, the French international left-back Arsenal were hoping to here to High-bury, is poised to join Athletic Bilbao in a £1.5m deal.

keeper unhappy with being Tim

Wolves have asked Lillestrom to name their price for the 28-year-old, Norwegian midfielder Staale Solbakken. The South African striker Leeds have already set up the Williams could be leaving Mo-

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19 Wicker article used in church 5 A little housework? (7, 8)
(4) 6 Deformity given special em-

of slum (4)

26 Begin Latin translation, apt to clude one's mental grasp?

by? (3-6)

14 Phony American college in lowa getting into difficulty

2 Wood from Spain, very thin 20 Evening meal in the German

hotel (6)

identifying tag left on murder

victim (5)
Like medical insurance payout that's dishonestly come

16 A word from the umpire? (5-

4)
17 Clergyman given intravenous

22 Question relative about fire-

work (5)
24 Cilla's turned out in purple

infusion that's beneficial (8)

were asked about which area of timately, he said, it is a matter for the police.

A police spokeswoman said they were aware that some tickets were being sold by unlicensed organisations, and that the police had been clamping down on sellers. She added: "We're dealing with it, and on the whole, we're on top of it."

For Saturday's game, there will be 1,000 police officers operating around London. "We're prepared for any eventuality," said the spokeswoman.

One group of people who are not so happy with the Euro 96 arrangements are supporters who cannot get tickets for matches, even when there are thousands of unsold tickets.

The problem was highlighted in Nottingham on Tuesday evening when 4,000 tickets went unsold while thousands of supporters were left outside. That problem was alleviated last night when the Football Association agreed to match-day sales for the other City Ground games, but the system is still at fault elsewhere.

Another mystery has been why, if more than 90 per cent of the tickets have been sold as organisers announced earlier this week, do the grounds appear to be anything but full?

The answer seems to be that tickets have been sold to foreign football federations who have been unable to sell them but are unable to return them for re-sale. "That's why the tickets sold for nt bnonzerroo i uzagob an the people in the seats," a Euro 96 spokesman said yesterday.



They're off: Peter Martin sprints for the pavilion after scampering Lancashire's winning run yesterday

fielding by Anthony McGrath

ran out Yates and with eight

needed from the last over Lan-

cashire's final pair took them to

# Hegg heaves Lancashire to unlikely win

HENRY BLOFELD reports from Old Trafford Yorkshire 250-5 Lancashire 251-9 Lancashire win by 1 wkt

There could never be a much better limited-overs match than this. When Craig White ran in to bowl the last ball to Peter Martin, Lancashire, with their last pair together, needed two to win. Martin, who had missed the two previous balls, drove to backward point and the two

runs were scampered.
This breathtaking finish took ancashire through to play Northamptonshire in the Benson and Hedges Cup final at Lord's on 13 July, but the events leading up to this last hall were as dramatic from the very first delivery

of this extraordinary second day which was eventually dominated by Warren Hegg's batting. A mixture of brilliant strokes,

crafty improvisation and one or two bits of luck had brought Yorkshire 52 runs in their last four overs at its start and had taken Michael Bevan and Richard Blakey to their best scores in this competition. Their stand of 167 in 162 balls was also a sixth-wick-

et record for the competition. Their onslaught took the suff-ing out of Lancashire just as it inspired Yorkshire. In the first 11 overs of their innings Lancashire lost three wickets for 36, but at 46, came the moment in which Yorkshire probably lost the match. Neil Fairbrother, who was 10, drove at Peter Hartley and David Byas dropped a juggling catch at the third attempt at slip. The importance was not immesplendid throw by Michael back for his last, Yates off-Vaughan from deep extra ran out drove him for six. Hegg off-Nick Speak, and at 97, Graham drove him for another, the ball needed from two overs; brilliant

Lloyd was caught behind. It was now that Hegg began his innings. He was frenetic and he began by crashing Craig White to the off-side boundary three times in an over. His first 25 runs came from 20 balls and he and Fairbrother put on 64 in 72 balls and gave Lancashire their first inkling of victory. At 161 in the 40th over,

Hegg pushed Hartley a yard or two to the off, ran and White coming in from cover kicked the ball on to the stumps to run out Fairbrother. When Ian Austin gave Gough a gentle return catch 13 runs later, Lancashire

seemed out of it again. However, Gary Yates proved an excellent partner for Hegg. When Richard Stemp, who had diately apparent, because a bowled nine overs for 29, came

going through Martyn Mox-

With five overs left Lan-cashire still needed 47. The

on's hands on the boundary.

ball was changed, Hegg drove the first with the new one over Lord's at the very last gasp. Northamptonshire win. cover for six and was bowled Scoreboard, page 24



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### **Cotton leads Lions** into professional era

Rugby Union

DAVID LLEWELLYN

Whatever the outcome of the arguments over next year's Five Nations' Championship, at least one Englishman will line up alongside Welsh, Irish and Scots players at the end of the season. Fran Cotton, 48, the former England prop, will be the man-ager of the 1997 Lions trip to South Africa, the first professional tour organised by the four

Ray Williams, chairman of the four home unions' tours committee, said that England will remain at the heart of the Lions. "This is the new four home unions committee," he announced, which, thank God, has nothing to do with the Five Nations. All of us here are on exceptionally good terms."

Since Cotton, a member of the victorious Lions tour to South Africa in 1974, will be chairman of the selection committee both before and on tour, there is littie likelihood of talented England players being ignored. Provided,

that is, that they are happy with his appointment. Cotton was a staunch supporter of Cliff Brittie and was co-opted by the con-troversial RFU executive chairman to attend the often angry negotiations with the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs. Clearly, though, having beat-en his old captain. Bill Beau-

mont, and Scotland's Duncan Patterson to the post, Cotton, who played in England's 1980 Grand Slam side, and on two Lions tours, has come to terms with professionalism. However he is aware of the

toll the new world might take. The last thing we want is to climb aboard the Jumbo with everyone held together by sticking plaster," he said. "We have to deal with unions, clubs and players and outline a responsible attitude to preparation. Once the party has been picked - towards the end of March -we will look carefully at individual play-ers' schedules." Which could involve another bout of interesting negotiations with the clubs. The last Lions tour to New

unions more than £200,000. This time they will be sponsored, and the South African RFU president, Louis Luyt, is ready to discuss some form of shareout of funds (presumably gate money and broadcasting fees).
Then there are the payments

for the players themselves. No figures were being bandied about yesterday, but Cotton has clearly got some set ideas. He wants all 30 players to be treated equally. "Those not on the field during a Test can become demoralised," he said. But they are just as important to the success of the tour. To pay different players on different lines would be totally divisive." Cotton has avoided one ear-

ly pitfall. His sports and leisurewear company, Cotton Traders, will not be kitting out the Lions. "About six months ago, long before I was nominated for this position," Cotton said, "we submitted a tender for the Lions contract, but we were not successful. I don't even know who did get it."

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